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Step up global efforts to defeat crime, says Modi

When threats are global, the response cannot be just local. Each nation is working on strategies against them. But what we do within our borders is no longer enough, PM says at Interpol meet

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday called for enhanced global cooperation to defeat the threats of terrorism, corruption, drug trafficking, poaching and organised crimes, stating that there can be no safe havens for the perpetrators of such offences.

"When threats are global, the response cannot be just local. It is high time that the world came together to defeat these threats," Mr. Modi said at the inaugural address at the four-day 90th Interpol General Assembly meet.

At a time when nations and societies were becoming inward-looking, India called for more international cooperation. "Global cooperation for local welfare – is our call," he said.

Common goals: Prime Minister Narendra Modi being presented a memento by Interpol president Ahmed Naser Al Raisi at a meet in New Delhi on Tuesday. R. V. MOORTHY

Online threats

Mr. Modi said India had been combating trans-national terrorism for several decades. "Long before the world woke up to it, we knew the price of safety and security. Thousands of our people made the ultimate sacrifice in this fight. But, it is no longer enough that terrorism is fought only in the physical space. It is now spreading its presence through online radicalisation and cyber threats," he said.

"At the click of a button, an attack can be executed or systems can be brought to their knees. Each nation is working on strategies against them. But what we do within our borders is no longer enough," said the Prime Minister.

He said there was a need to further develop international strategies for setting up early detection and warning systems, protecting transportation services, securing communication infrastructure and critical infrastructure, enhancing technical and technological assistance and intelligence exchange.

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Jayalalithaa's death: probe panel indicts Sasikala, others

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Justice Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry probing the treatment and death of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa in 2016 has found her aide V.K. Sasikala, her doctor K.S. Sivakumar, then Health Secretary J. Radhakrishnan and former Health Minister C. Vijayabaskar "at fault". The commission's report, tabled in the Assembly on Tuesday, recommended further probe into their role.

The report says "heart vegetation, perforation, and diastolic dysfunction had been found" for which consultants from abroad – Richard Beale from the U.K., Stuart Russel and Samin Sharma from the U.S. – had recommended angio/surgery, and wonders why it was not performed.

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Six pilgrims, pilot killed as helicopter crashes in Kedarnath

Tragic turn: Rescue personnel at the site of the helicopter crash in Kedarnath, Uttarakhand, on Tuesday. PTI

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Seven persons, including the pilot, were killed after a helicopter ferrying pilgrims back from the Kedarnath shrine in Uttarakhand crashed near Garud Chatti on Tuesday. The helicopter hit a hill and fell into a gorge, District Disaster Management Officer Nandan Singh said.

It crashed probably because of bad weather, but a detailed investigation into the cause of the accident was under way, said C. Ravishankar, CEO of the Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UCADA). "Due to dense fog, there was low visibility in the area," he said.

Three pilgrims each from Tamil Nadu and Gujarat were killed. The pilot is from Maharashtra.

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Merger of RTCs proposed

BENGALURU
Contrary to recommendations made by M.R. Sreenivasa Murthy committee, political appointees in the State road transport corporations are batting for merger of all four corporations into a single entity.

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Dengue tally almost touches last year's caseload

BENGALURU
Dengue is on the rise in the State with the total number of cases till October 18 this year almost touching last year's figure of 7,189.

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Woman succumbs to injuries after being hit by bus

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The woman who was critically injured in an accident after she was hit by a speeding KSRTC bus while trying to negotiate a bad stretch of road on Monday morning, succumbed to injuries in the wee hours of Tuesday.

According to the police, Umadevi, who was riding pillion, sustained grievous injuries after being hit by the KSRTC bus near Lulu Mall while her daughter, who was riding the scooter, was reportedly trying to negotiate a pothole on a bad stretch of road. She needed surgery but before that could be performed, she breathed her last around 1 a.m. due to excessive bleeding.

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20 people shifted to govt. home after dogs eat body in Deval Ganagapur

Kumar Buradikatti
KALABURAGI

After reports of an old woman's body being partially eaten by stray dogs at Deval Ganagapur, a pilgrimage centre, in Afzalpur taluk of Kalaburagi district emerged, Chief Executive Officer of Kalaburagi Zilla Panchayat Girish Badole rushed to the village on Tuesday, and 20 abandoned people were shifted to the government old age home in Kalaburagi.

Mr. Badole met priests at the Dattatreya temple and enquired about the incident. The priests said the 68-year-old mentally unstable woman was left abandoned near the Dyamavva temple that falls on the way to Ganagapur sangam on Saturday.

Since the area was dark, the death of the woman went unnoticed by people. It came to light the next morning and by that time, the woman's body had been partially eaten by stray dogs.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Badole said as per information he gathered, there is a practice of abandoning old people in the holy place of Ganagapur.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Attack on Ukraine's power stations by Russian forces

30 The % of Ukraine's power stations that were destroyed by Russian forces in repeated strikes that targeted energy infrastructure and caused blackouts across the country, according to President Volodymyr Zelensky. Several regions of Ukraine, including the capital Kyiv, were experiencing power cuts after a new round of strikes hit energy facilities. AFP

ONGC Videsh Ltd bids to retake stake in the Sakhalin-1 project

20 The % of stake, state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation's (ONGC) overseas arm ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL), is applying to retake in Russia's Sakhalin-1 oil and gas project. Sakhalin-1 is OVL's cash cow and without it, the company would be a loss-making entity. Sakhalin-1 is one of the oldest investments of OVL, where it has recovered all the money it has sunk in. PTI

SBI increases savings deposit rates for large bank accounts

30 In basis points, the hike by the nation's largest lender State Bank of India, in savings deposit rates for large accounts. Banks have been witnessing a flight of money to other asset classes. For many months, deposit growth has not been keeping pace with credit growth which in the first half averaged at 14.8% while deposits have been lower at 9.5%. PTI

MSP for wheat hiked to ₹2,125 per quintal for this year

110 In ₹, the amount by which the government increased the minimum support price (MSP) for wheat to ₹2,125 per quintal on Tuesday. The MSP for mustard was raised by ₹400 to ₹5,450 per quintal for the current crop year to boost the production and income of farmers. MSP is the rate at which the government buys grain from farmers. PTI

Deadly inter-rebel fighting in Syria's Turkish-held north

58 The number of people killed in more than a week of inter-rebel fighting in Syria's Turkish-held north. The flareup has allowed Al-Qaeda-linked fighters to gain ground, according to war monitor Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. The clashes since October 8, in a area near the Turkish border, have been among the deadliest in years, killing 48 rebels and 10 civilians. AFP

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Gambia child deaths and cough syrups

Why is the West African nation reporting cases of kidney failure in children mostly below five? Are India-manufactured paracetamol syrups responsible for these deaths? What has the World Health Organization said? Have similar cases been reported elsewhere?

EXPLAINER

Diksha Munjal

The story so far:
On October 8, Gambia's Health Minister Ahmadou Lamin Samateh said that the number of child deaths likely linked to contaminated cough syrups made by an Indian manufacturer had risen to 69. This comes a day after Gambian President Adama Barrow said that the surge in acute kidney injuries linked to the paracetamol syrups was under control.

What happened in The Gambia?
In early September, health authorities in the West African nation of The Gambia were investigating if there was a link between dozens of child deaths from acute kidney injuries and the consumption of a paracetamol syrup used for fever, cough, cold, and pain.

The Gambia's director of health services Mustapha Bittaye was quoted by *Reuters* as saying that a number of children began to get sick with kidney problems within three to five days of consuming a paracetamol syrup sold locally. The affected children would experience fever, inability to pass urine, and vomiting, followed by kidney failure. According to Gambian Health Ministry figures, 28 children had died by early August, with the fatality rate being 90%. In September, The Gambia started coordinating with the World Health Organization (WHO) about the incidents and reported four locally-sold cough syrups it suspected could be linked to the injuries and deaths.

On October 5, the WHO issued a medical alert about four substandard products "that fail to meet either their quality standards or specifications". These were four cough syrup variants – Promethazine Oral Solution, Kofexmalin Baby Cough Syrup, Makoff Baby Cough Syrup and Magrip N Cold Syrup, whose manufacturer was listed as Maiden Pharmaceuticals Limited, Haryana, India. The alert added that the products mentioned were unsafe and their use, especially in children, could "result in serious injury or death". The WHO further specified that its laboratory analysis of samples of each of the four products had confirmed that they contained "unacceptable amounts" of two "contaminants" – diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol. WHO head Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, calling the incidents "beyond heartbreaking", said that the four syrups in question have been "potentially linked to" the cases of kidney injuries and to the deaths of children in The Gambia.

While The Gambia had started recalling all medicines containing paracetamol syrup in September, it began the recall of the four specific Indian-made syrups only after the WHO's product alert. Additionally, it said that while these four syrups had been identified in The Gambia, there was a possibility that they may have been informally distributed to other markets.

What are these toxic chemicals?
According to the WHO, diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol are toxic to humans when consumed and can prove to be fatal. The agency's alert listed the toxic effects of the two chemicals as pain, vomiting, diarrhoea, inability to pass urine, headache, altered mental state, and acute kidney injury which could lead to death.

Both diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol are illegal adulterants that may be used as solvents in liquid medication. Common solvents such as glycerine (also known as glycerol) and propylene glycol are used in cough syrups to provide a liquid base to non-water-soluble paracetamol or acetaminophen; these solvents also act as preservatives, thickeners, sweeteners, and antimicrobial agents, according to the United States National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI).

Medical experts say that in order to cut expenses and due to the solubility of compounds like diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol, manufacturers may sometimes substitute it for non-toxic solvents such as glycerine or propylene glycol or comparatively cheaper commercial grade versions of these solvents which may contain diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol, potentially resulting in contamination.

Instances of contamination and deaths linked to diethylene glycol are not new. Such cases have been reported before in India, the U.S., Bangladesh, Panama, and Nigeria.

Last year, 12 children died in the Udhampur district of Jammu due to a contaminated cough syrup called Coldbest-PC, manufactured by a company in Himachal Pradesh. These deaths were also linked to the presence of high levels of diethylene glycol in the cough syrup. The State's administration later ordered the withdrawal of the drug from all the other States where it was marketed. This was the fourth case of mass glycol poisoning in India. In 1973, there was a similar incident at the Children's Hospital, Egmore in Chennai that caused the deaths of 14 children. In 1986, similar poisoning at Mumbai's J.J. Hospital caused the deaths of 14 patients who were otherwise on the path to recovery. In 1998, 33 children died in two hospitals located in New Delhi due to similar poisoning.

In 2007, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a guidance to pharmacy compounders, repackers, and suppliers about a potential public hazard–glycerin(e) contaminated with diethylene glycol (DEG), calling DEG a "poison". The FDA's advisory followed reports of fatal DEG poisoning of consumers who ingested medicinal syrups, such as cough syrup or acetaminophen syrup.

How have Indian authorities reacted?
The WHO has initiated a deeper probe in coordination with the Indian authorities. India's Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has also launched an investigation to ascertain the facts and details of the matter in collaboration with the State Drugs Controller of Haryana, the State where the manufacturer Maiden Pharmaceuticals is located.

According to the preliminary inquiry, Maiden Pharmaceutical Limited was licensed by the State drug controller for the products under reference and held manufacturing permission for these products. The company has so far exported these four cough syrups only to The Gambia. Indian authorities are now waiting for the WHO to share the exact "one-to-one causal relation of death" with the four medicines and the details of the product labels so that they can identify the "source of the manufacturing of the products".

According to the All India Organisation of Chemists and Distributors (AIOCD), none of the four cough syrups mentioned in the WHO's alert was available for sale in India. "Maiden Pharmaceutical Limited has no presence in the Indian domestic market and they only export their products,' the organisation said. The CDSCO said that, as a practice, the importing country tests the products for quality before sanctioning their usage.

Meanwhile, Gambian President Mr. Barrow has vowed to boost health and safety measures including better quality control over imported medicines, ordering the creation of "a quality control national laboratory for drugs and food safety".

Death by dose: Mariama Kuyateh holds up a picture of her late son Musa who died from acute kidney failure, in Banjul, the Gambia on October 10. AFP

Killer medicine: Cough syrups collected in Banjul, the Gambia on October 6. AFP

THE GIST

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₹30 crore is spent every year to fill 30,000 potholes: BBMP

This only throws light on underlying problems, including poor quality of work and corruption, argue experts

K.V. Aditya Bhardwaj
BENGALURU

Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath on Tuesday said that on an average, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) spends ₹30 crore to close over 30,000 potholes on the city's streets, raising many eyebrows. While many in the civic body suggested this was an underestimate too, several activists and experts have questioned why the BBMP is unable to address the underlying problem.

A senior traffic police said the unscientific design of the roads causing water logging was one of the main reasons for potholes, and despite several appeals, the civic body had failed to resolve these issues holistically. "Unless you fix this issue, potholes will keep appearing and the city will keep spending crores of rupees to fill them, for them to only reappear with a brief spell of rain again," he said.

Pothole-related deaths in Bengaluru

Six people in all were killed across the city in the last one year

August 18, 2022 Suprith, 44, a private firm employee, fell off his scooter while trying to negotiate a pothole on Magadi Road near Bydarahalli

March 17, 2022 Ashwin K. Jodge, a data entry operator, lost balance of his two-wheeler after riding into the pothole and fell down at Muneshwara Layout

January 30, 2022 Sharmila, 48, a private school teacher, was run over by a pick-up truck after she fell down while trying to negotiate a pothole on Magadi Road

November 27, 2021 Azeem Ahmed, 21, a food delivery executive, died after he lost balance of his two-wheeler while negotiating a pothole at Thanisandra

October 9, 2021 Nubiya, 17, was mowed down by a truck after she fell off the scooter she was riding pillion on when the rider swerved to avoid a large pothole on Magadi Road

October 6, 2021: Krishnappa, 57, a sub-inspector with the Excise Department, was killed in an accident when he tried to navigate a pothole and came under the wheels of a lorry in Madanayakanahalli police station limits

The Bengaluru Traffic Police had flagged over 110 prominent waterlogging spots on the city's main roads that blocked traffic and caused potholes. "The civic body has attended to some of them, some partially. But these are design problems and shoddy work and need to be fixed. Why is there waterlogging on the newly-built Smart City Roads? Fixing the road topography to prevent waterlogging will reduce the menace of potholes to a large extent," he said.

However, the recurrence of potholes points to low quality of work and underlying corruption.

Srikanth Channal, Chairman, Association of Consulting Civil Engineers, Bengaluru, said the very admission of so many potholes every year only indicates poor quality of work and corruption. "A third party audit was introduced to ensure quality of work. However, this has been undone in the city as the same authority executes work and takes reports of the third party audit. Thus, low quality of work and corruption remains unaddressed," he said, suggesting that ideally, the third party audit of the quality of work should report to the Urban Development Department directly.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had in September 2021 revealed that the government had spent a whopping ₹20,000 crore on the city's roads in the last five years. His government has also come under severe criticism over allegations of '40% commission' in all contracts in the State, including the city, by D. Kempanna, president, Karnataka State Contractors' Association.

Senior citizen suffers fractures after flagging Jalahalli road conditions

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Vinay K.L.

A week after writing a letter to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath about the 'bone-fracturing' condition of roads in Jalahalli, a senior citizen from the locality got into an accident on the same road on October 12 and literally sustained fractures.

Vinay K. L., 66, was riding his two-wheeler on the pothole-ridden Kalinga Rao Road near Peenya Metro station at around 8.30 p.m. when he lost control of the vehicle and fell. He has sustained multiple fractures from the accident.

In a letter, Mr. Vinay had mentioned that on Kalinga Rao Road from BEL Circle to Peenya Metro Station, the stretch between HMT theatre and BEL Circle and a couple of other roads were in bad condition and that many two-wheelers had gotten into accidents here. He had also complained about the poor lighting and asked for white topping of the roads instead of employing temporary fixtures.

"I was riding my vehicle at night and was wearing a helmet. I was also not under the influence of alcohol and yet I lost balance due to the poor condition of the road and lack of lighting. Some people on the road helped me home and I could not even walk to go to the doctor after that. The next day, upon visiting an orthopedic surgeon in an ambulance, I found out that I had multiple fractures between my thigh and knee and also small fracture in my wrist. 300 ml of blood was also removed from the injured site and I have been advised three months of bed rest," Mr. Vinay narrated his ordeal to *The Hindu*.

He said Mr. Nath had replied to his mail saying he had marked the concerned ward officials to take action and send him a report, however, nothing had been done. Some potholes near Jalahalli Traffic Police Station were closed by police and locals on Tuesday.

From Page One

Woman dies of injuries after being hit by bus

This is the fourth pothole-related death in the city this year. However, the government is not yet ready to call it so. Traffic police confirmed that while they booked the KSRTC driver involved, no case has been booked against civic officials for the bad stretch of road as whether potholes caused the accident was under probe. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said he had ordered a probe. "Repairing the road is one part of the problem. But I want to know why the accident happened," he said.

Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath inspected the site on Tuesday morning, by when civic officials had filled the potholes and redone the stretch. However, even that was done shabbily, a reality check revealed. Reacting to this, the CM said he would ask them to refill the potholes.

INBRIEF

ATM fraud: Man makes away with ₹2.8 lakh

The Nandini Layout police are on the lookout for a conman who, posing as a customer, withdrew cash from State Bank of India's ATM using a censor bypass trick to claim refund. Using this method, the accused has withdrawn a total of ₹2.85 lakh from the SBI ATM near FTI Circle in Narasimhalu Layout.

The fraud came to light when Shivashankar, the branch manager, received a series of complaints of failed transactions and refunds.

He found that the accused used different debit cards to withdraw cash and bypass the censor to raise a complaint about the failed transactions and claimed the same amount of money.

Girl dead, boy injured in accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A PU student was killed and her friend was severely injured when the motocycle they were riding in a rash manner slipped at Yelahanka bypass signal on Tuesday afternoon. The pillion rider, Sana Saheba, 18, was killed, while the rider, Zishan, is critically wounded with a severed hand, and has been admitted to a private hospital.

Inquiries revealed that the two was residents of R.T. Nagar. While Sana was pursuing her PU at a private college, Zishan worked at a gas stove repair shop with his father. As it was Zishan's birthday, he borrowed a bike from his friend and picked up Sana in the afternoon to head to the airport. At Yelahanka bypass signal, he lost control of the high-end bike and the duo fell. Due to the impact, Sana was dragged for many meters and died of head injuries, while Zishan collided with the iron grill on the median and lost his hand. Passers-by rushed them to a nearby hospital where the doctors declared Sana brought dead. The Yelahanka traffic police, based on a plaint by Sana's mother, registered a case against Zishan.

They also booked NHAI officials, who have been made an accused in the case for incomplete metal crash barrier work which the police said resulted in the severing of the rider's arm. The NHAI has taken up the work to put up crash barriers on the divider to prevent jay walking.

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8	**Sub Work 1 :** Replacement of existing 60 kg 1 in 12 turn out with 60 kg 1 in 12 TWS+WCMSC 9 sets Penukonda & Makkajipalli stations in Divisional Engineer / N / Bengaluru Section. **Sub Work 2 :** Through fitting renewal of turn out 94 sets in Senior Divisional Engineer / North Section.	Rs. 59,01,147/-
9	**Bengaluru - Salem Section :** Strengthening and protecting the slopes of cuttings from km 47/800 to 48/000 between Shivadi - Toppur. Maintenance period is 12 months.	Rs. 6,34,75,597/-
10	**Bengaluru Division :** Fabrication and supply of temporary girder and steel cribs to the stores depot of SEE/Bridge/Bengaluru unit. Maintenance period is 1 month.	Rs. 4,54,76,332/-
11	**Yelahanka - Bangarpet - Marikuppam Section :** Proposed raising and extension of platform from medium level to high level at Chinnakote Halt, Hudukula, Gannaghatta, Dalsanur, Doddanatta Halt Stations (05 Nos.) in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Bangarpet Sub Division. Maintenance Period is 6 Months.	Rs. 2,09,17,426/-
12	**KSR Bengaluru and Bengaluru Cantonment :** Proposed development of green areas at KSR Bengaluru area : Bengaluru Station and its circulating area, platforms, second entry, third entry, Divisional Office, Railway Hospital, Nandi club, transit flats in Nandi colony, ORH, Maples, next to STC main entrance, CRS office, DRM Residence office, MG Colony gardens viz entrance, garden near 415/490 block, Gita park, Railway institute, near stepping stone school, along buttress wall, near metro station, approach to metro station, in front and back of 463 block, behind 455 to 457 blocks and other isolated locations etc., **Bengaluru Cantonment :** Cantonment railway station PF 1 and 2, Gandhi park and children park in old colony, Rail house, Rail house / Nursery and other isolated locations etc. for 12 months.	Rs. 1,32,14,925/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 03-11-2022**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby informed that, our client **MR.ATTAR SYED MURTAZA HUSSAIN** had **lost** the original Rectification Deed dated 27-10-2000, registered on 31-10-2000, registered as Document No.621/2000-01, in respect of property bearing Site No. 990/C, situated at 3rd A Main Road, Banashankari III Stage, (Sy. Nos.95, 96, 121 and 122 of Hosakerehally), Bangalore, while taking Xerox of the same at S.R.Nagar on 18-10-2022. If anybody found the said document please contact this Nos. **9844155041 and 9845052227**.

V.S.Rai & Associates, LAW FIRM
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5th Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-27.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has negotiated to purchase **Flat No. 502,** on the **Fifth Floor, "ADARSH CRYSTAL",** BBMP **No.16/35,** Cambridge Road, Ulsoor, Bangalore, together with One Car Parking Space in the Basement **from M/s Y. Jagadeesh Raju & Co. Pvt. Ltd.,** No.79, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020 and represented by its Director, Sri Madhukar. S. Manay.

If any person/s or others are having any ownership rights, any objections or claims in respect of the above sale the same be lodged with documentary proof within **7 days** from today failing which our client will get the Sale Deed registered, and it shall be deemed there are no claims of any nature whatsoever.

K.M.A.PERES, VIREN MICHAEL PERES, Advocates, No.46/1-1, Wheeler Road, Bangalore- 560005, Mobile: 9845000414. E-mail. peresoffice@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that my clients **SRI.LAKSHMIKANNTH & SMT.V.INDRANI** both residing at Bengaluru, intends to purchase the immovable property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder from one Sri.B.Muniyappa Son of Late Byrappa.

Any person having any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule property or having any objections to the proposed transaction may do so in writing with documentary proof to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** of this publication, failing which my clients will be proceed to purchase the schedule property thereafter no further claim will be entertained or the same will be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing **Site No.14,** formed in property Sy.No. 10/14, present No.10, Khatha No.97, presently bearing Municipal No.14, PID No.54-361-014, situated at **1st Cross Road, 1st Main Road, Kattriguppe, Bengaluru,** property comes under the limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.164 together with House building constructed thereon.

MEASURING :
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North to South : 40 Feet;
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East by : Site No. 13;
West by : Site No. 15;
North by : Road;
South by : Private Property.

P. GANAPATHI BHAT, Advocate,
No.4/10, 1st Floor, Amara - Building,
1st Main Road, Yeshwanthpur,
BANGALORE - 560 022.
M : 94482 53440
BANGALORE DATE: 18.10.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby informed that, **MR.DOLPHIE JOHN LOBO AND MRS.CYNTHIA LOBO** were the owners of the schedule property. MRS.CYNTHIA LOBO died on 27-09-2008 at Welcare Hospital (Garhood) Dubai without issues/ without any legal heirs and presently MR.DOLPHIE JOHN LOBO is selling the schedule property and our clients have proposed to purchase schedule property with its present owner **MR.DOLPHIE JOHN LOBO** Person/s, Financial Institution/s, Bank objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, share, title and interest in the Schedule property may lodge their objections/claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **One Week** from this day of publication and any objection/claims received thereafter will not be binding on our clients and our clients will proceed with purchase in respect of the below mentioned Schedule property as if there are no claims/objections.

-:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:-

All that piece and parcel of an Immovable property bearing Plot bearing A-7, Plan Approved by Town Municipal Council Yelahanka in pursuance of Resolution No.3(1), dated 05-10-1993) of Yelahanka Town Municipal Khatha No.118, Situated at **Ananthapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, with an extent of 4800 Sq.ft.** and bounded on the **East by : Jakaranda Street and measuring on that side 80 feet, on the West by : Private Property (Plot No.A-4) and measuring on that side 80 feet, on the North by : Private Property (Plot No.A-8) and measuring on that side 60 feet, on the South by : Private Property (Plot No.A-6)** and measuring on that side 60 feet, The Schedule property is comprised of a 10 X 10 building with A.C Sheet Roof constructed with brick & mud wall.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I Vigneswaran R S/O, A Ramaiah R/o No. 349, 1st Floor, 2nd A Main, 7th Cross, Domlur, Bangalore-560071 have changed my name to A R Vignesvaran for all purposes.

I, VIJAYATHA K alias Gayathri K, W/o Ganesh Kumar P, R/at No.129, 2A Cross, 12th Main, B S K 3rd Stage, Bangalore South-560050 declare that the three names, Vijayatha K, Gayathri K and Gayathri Ganesh Kumar, belongs to me, one and the same person, vide affidavit dated 08-10-2022 sworn before Notary Gangadhar K.M, (Notarial Reg. No.41/2022 dt: 08-10-2022),Mangaluru.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AKSHATHA. K W/o Hegde V Roshan Babu Residing at No.10, 4th Main, Vasanthappa Block, P.G.Halli, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003 have changed my Name to Akshatha Hegde vide Affidavit Dated:11-10-2022 Sworn Before Notary K.S.Giridhar, Bangalore

I, TANSEER Syed Abdul Rehman, S/o Syed Abdul Rehman, R/a No.3, 1st Cross, Moore Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005 have changed my name to Tanseer A.R, vide affidavit dt: 18.10.2022 sworn before Notary L.Gopalakrishna, B'lore.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE I ADDL. PRL JUDGE FAMILY COURT, BANGALORE
M.C. No. 2084/2018
Petitioners: Sri Vivekanandan M
-V/s-
Respondents: Smt. Lakshmi V
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

Respondent No. 1: Smt. Lakshmi V aged about 39 years, W/o Vivekanandan M. R/at No. 836, FF2, Chandra Residency, MICO Layout, Garvebhavipalya, Hosur Road, Bengaluru-560068.

Whereas, the petitioner has filed a petition for Divorce case against you. Take notice that you are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by a pleader on **09-12-2022** at 11.00 A.M. on the day fixed, for your appearance. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day above mentioned petition will be heard, and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 15-10-2022.

By the Order of the Court, Sheristedar, Family Court, Bangalore.

ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONER:
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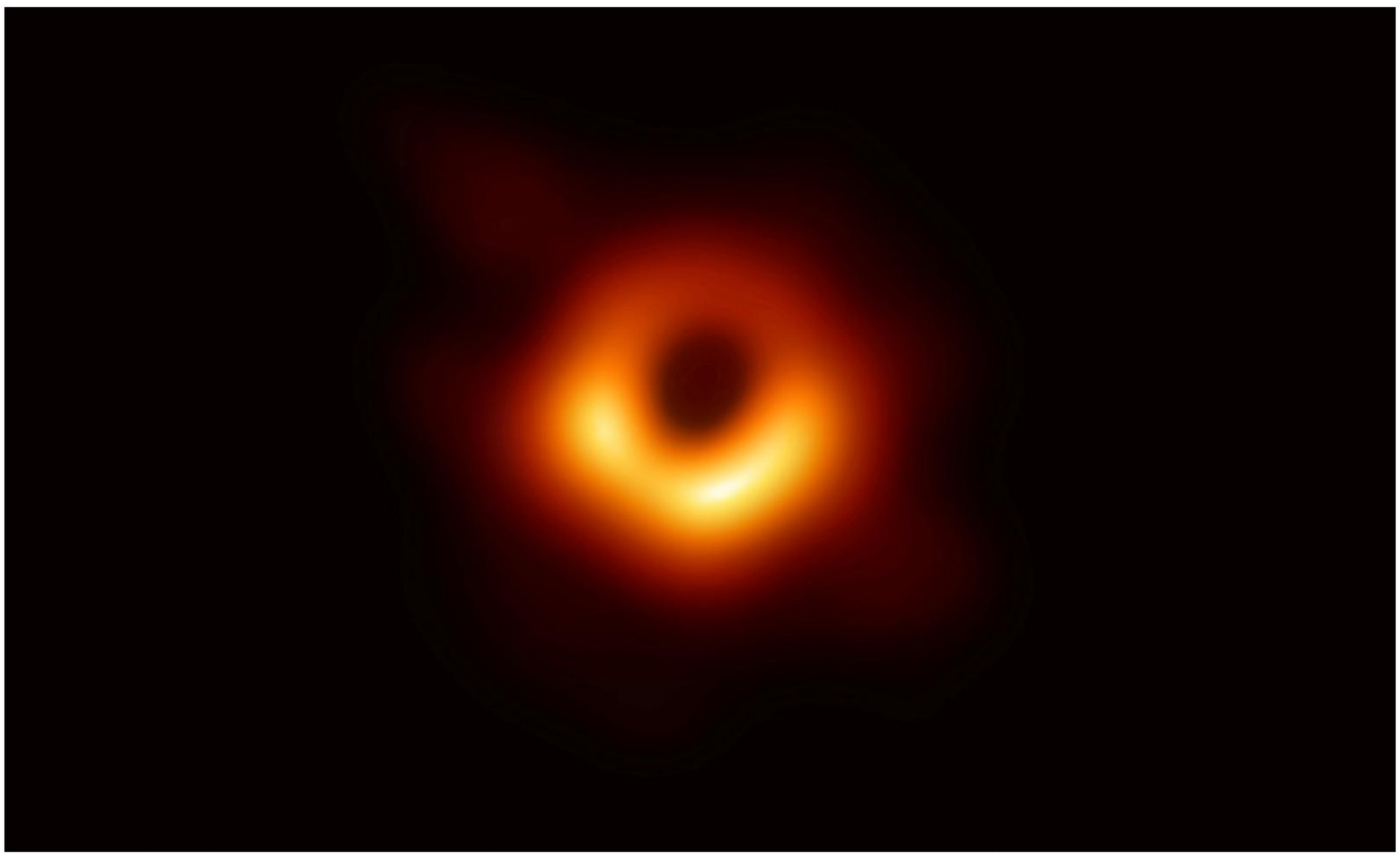

Space-time phenomena: The first ever photo of a black hole, taken using a global network of telescopes in 2019. REUTERS

The illusion of being faster than light: how a star problem was solved

How using the Global Astrometric Interferometer for Astrophysics (GAIA) spacecraft and Hubble Space Telescope instruments as well as other observatories on earth, scientists were able to observe exciting phenomena for the very first time

Shubashree Desikan

Mooley, K.P., Anderson, J. & Lu, W. Optical superluminal motion measurement in the neutron-star merger GW170817. Nature 610, 273–276 (2022). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-022-05145-7

In 2017, astrophysicists observed an unusual feat among the stars. The Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave (LIGO) observatories recorded a signal which indicated that two massive and dense stellar bodies had merged to form a third body, likely a black hole. In the process they gave off vibrations that quite literally shook the universe and its very fabric of space-time. For the very first time, scientists noted that this observation of the LIGO observatories coincided with the measurements made by other telescopes that measured visual and electromagnetic signals. Was this light given off by the merging bodies? Evidence seemed to suggest that it was. From this, scientists, piecing together evidence from complementary measurements, surmised that the event they had observed was of two neutron stars merging and forming a black hole and, in the process, giving off light. An unusual jet of matter was observed that gave an illusion of travelling faster than light. These were all exciting phenomena observed for the very first time by telescopes and observatories.

Crossing the speed of light

Now, using data that had been recorded by the Global Astrometric Interferometer for Astrophysics (GAIA) spacecraft and Hubble Space Telescope instruments, scientists have confirmed that the above picture is correct. They have made it more precise and descriptive.

In a paper published in *Nature*, they describe measuring the "apparent speed" of the jet to be about seven times the speed of light.

They have also measured more accurately a factor called the Lorenz factor which scales with the actual speed of the particles in the jet. Unlike earlier estimates which placed this factor at about 4, the present paper estimates this factor to be over 40. This is because they measure the speed of the relativistic jet to be close to 0.9997c, where "c" is the speed of light.

This resolves the earlier fuzziness about what the source was and puts the source clearly as massive neutron stars merging to give a black hole and throwing off relativistic jets of particles in the process.

Merging neutron stars

Neutron stars are stellar corpses, left behind after a star has undergone a supernova explosion and reached the end of its lifetime. They are extremely dense, containing more mass than the sun in a sphere that is a few tens of kilometre wide.

The observation of particles moving at seven times the speed of light is an illusion. "This happens in cases where a source moves (towards us) with a velocity that is very close to light's velocity. This phenomenon is known to astrophysicists earlier," says Resmi Lekshmi, a scientist with the Department of Earth and Space Sciences, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, who has worked in this area.

This has been seen in many active galactic nuclei – galaxy centres that harbour black holes – and binary star systems within our galaxy, where one of the stars is a black hole. "Mostly, black holes are responsible for producing such fast-moving material," she explains.

The present measurements and observations made with GAIA data are extremely challenging. They amount to measuring the position of an object in sky co-ordinates. "These authors measured a change in sky position one millionth the span of the full moon," says Dr. Lekshmi. Normally, if one were making these measurements from earth-based telescopes, it would require data from radio telescopes spaced apart by intercontinental distances. This technique is called Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI) and was used in the earlier papers. "Here, the authors could beat VLBI in precision because they calibrated Hubble Space Telescope data with GAIA, which is a precision astrometry mission," she says.

However, the researchers used both their Hubble Space Telescope and GAIA optical position measurement along with the earlier VLBI position measurement to get a better estimate of the speed of the source and angle (viewing angle) with which it is travelling with respect to us on earth. Dr. Lekshmi clarifies that this estimate requires plugging in equations of the special theory of relativity. "So, it is an estimate as opposed to a measurement," she says.

Impact of the study

The significance of the paper is that now, we have learnt that neutron star mergers can result in material moving with speeds as high as 0.9997c.

Earlier results using Very Long Baseline Interferometry had pegged this value at about 0.938c. And with the new results this lower limit has been improved. Even earlier, with VLBI, it was understood that it was a neutron-star merger that produced such ultra-relativistic material.

Before the VLBI results, there were several models that could replicate the observations. "The observations could be explained both by ultra-relativistic material and non-relativistic material, with some differences in assumptions," says Dr. Lekshmi. That study indicated that the observed gamma ray bursts were produced along with the ultra-relativistic material.

This paper, in turn, strengthens the hypothesis that such neutron star mergers are responsible for a class of gamma-ray bursts. Gamma-ray bursts are flashes of extreme gamma ray photons that release a huge amount of energy – nearly ten-raised-to-47 joules. They come from different galaxies in the universe and are observed here quite frequently.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Sri Lankan writer Shehan Karunatilaka won the Booker Prize for his second novel *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida*. Here is a quiz on the literary prize's past winners

QUESTION 1

She was an Irish and British novelist and philosopher. She has written a book about Jean-Paul Sartre's work, the first book about the author to be published in English. Name the novelist.

QUESTION 2

This author's book is semi-autobiographical, and the major part captures the author's life in Aymanam. Upon receiving the award, the citation noted, "The book keeps all the promises that it makes". Name the author.

QUESTION 3

He is an English novelist, poet, and translator. His Booker winning book touches upon the emergence of HIV/AIDS, as well as the relationship between politics and homosexuality, and its ambivalent acceptance within the 1980s Conservative Party and mainstream society. Name the author and the book.

QUESTION 4

This author's Booker Prize-winning novel was made into a film that won several awards. The storyline of the film revolves around two survivors of a shipwreck, a 16-year-old boy and a tiger. Name the book and the author.

QUESTION 5

He is an English novelist, screenwriter, musician, and short-story writer. A Nobel Laureate, he was nominated four times for the Booker Prize before he finally won. His Prize-winning novel is set in the large country house of an English lord in the period surrounding World War II. Name the author.

Visual question:
This image is from the film adapted from a Booker Prize-winning novel. Name the book and the author.

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This was formed by two intellectuals Chen Dixiu and Li Dazhao between July 23 and 31, 1921 in Shanghai. **Ans: The Communist Party of China**
2. This German journalist and a partyman of the Communist Party of Germany was one of the members who participated in the "Long March". **Ans: Otto Braun**
3. This person, according to Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping (as quoted by *New York Times)* had "sometimes [been] forced to act against his conscience in order to minimise the damage [caused by Mao Zedong]". **Ans: Zhou Enlai**
4. During the Cultural Revolution, this leader was ridiculed for being "a capitalist roader". **Ans: Deng Xiaoping**
Visual: The leader being greeted by Xi Jinping. **Ans: Hu Jintao**

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir"
"Good morning"
"What's a rolling plan, sir?"
"A rolling plan is a flexible plan. You can modify it from time to time in the light of changing conditions. You have rolling programmes, rolling contracts and so on. 'Rolling' in this context means 'subject to periodic review, responsive to changing conditions'. By the way, how was the novel I gave you last week?"
"It was not appreciable, sir."
"What do you mean by appreciable?"
"Something that can be enjoyed, sir."
"No, it doesn't mean that. 'Appreciable' generally means 'noticeable, capable of being estimated or measured'.
There has been no appreciable change in the price of essential commodities.
I do not see any appreciable improvement in his health.
There is likely to be some appreciable increase in the value of shares in the near future.
There was appreciable relief from pain.
'Appreciate' has several meanings. Let's discuss a few. When you want to express your thanks to someone for his help, you may say 'I appreciate your help'. It also means to 'understand and enjoy the good qualities of'.
I can't appreciate western music.
It also means 'to rise in value'.
Gold has bean appreciating in value.
You can invest in real estate as it will definitely appreciate in value.'
"Isn't there a word 'depreciate' sir?"
"Yes, there is. "Depreciate' means 'to make or become less in value'.
The value of real estate in this area has suddenly depreciated.
It also means 'to belittle'.
She tries to depreciate the help he rendered her.
'He makes depreciatory remarks about my work' means that he tries to belittle my work. When your property appreciates, you are happy. When it depreciates, you are unhappy."
"What's the meaning of 'virtually' sir?"
" 'Virtually' does not have anything to do with 'virtue' in meaning. It means 'almost entirely', for 'all practical purposes'. 'She is virtually the head of the family' means that though she is not actually the head of the family, for all practical purposes, she is the head as she takes all decisions and runs the family.
He is virtually the Chief Minister of the State.
His request is virtually a command.
Well, let us stop here. Goodbye."
"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

Word of the day

Nadir:
An extreme state of adversity; the lowest point of anything

Synonyms:
low-point, rock bottom

Usage:
We reached our nadir in the past few weeks.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/nadirpro

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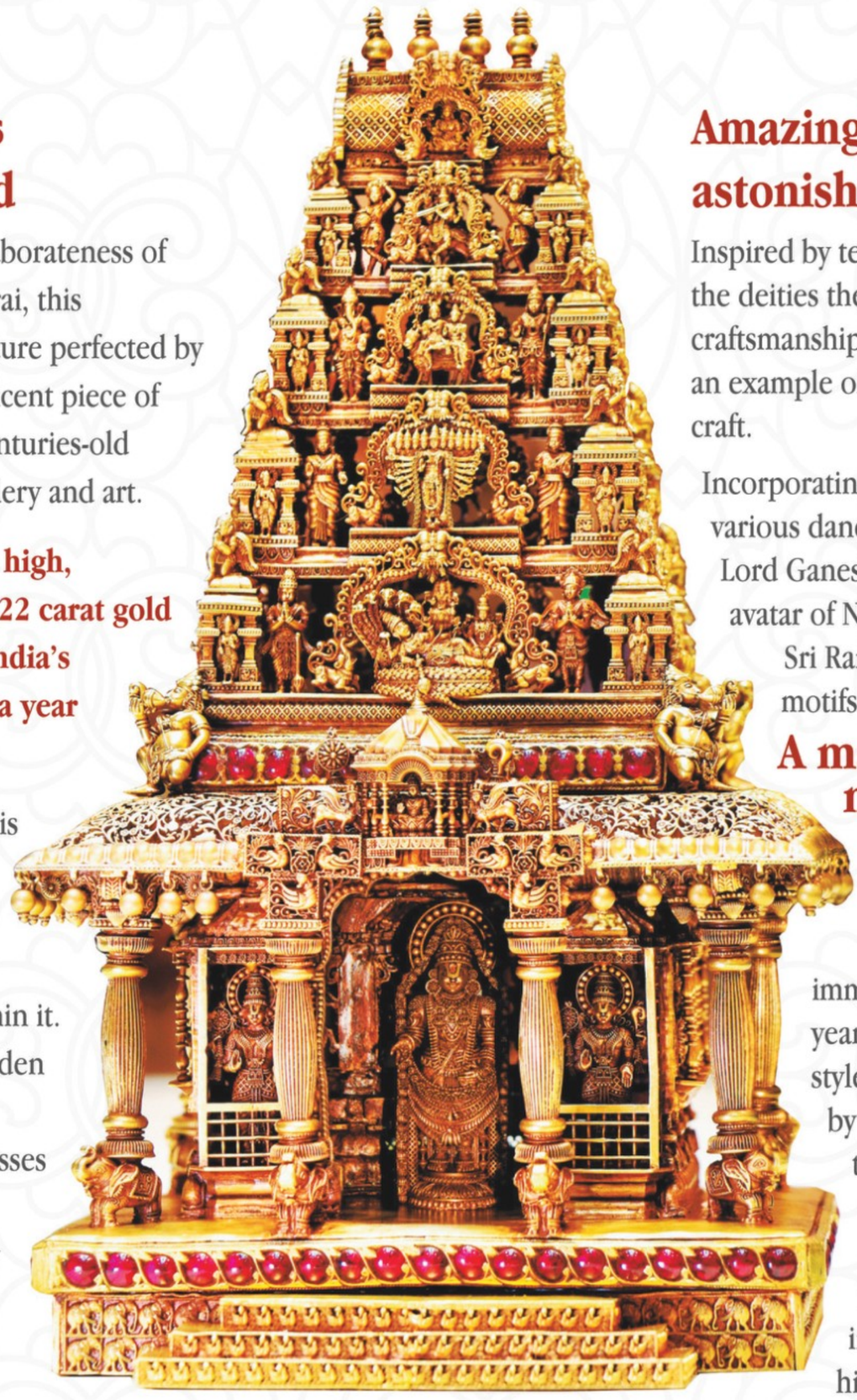

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Mr. GOUTHAM CHAND
Managing Director, Navrathan Jewellers

THE PHILANTHROPIC TOUCH

Says Shri Goutham Chand, "*Gifted with the power to narrate the cultural provenance of our history, craftsmen here often remain the unsung heroes of the state's architectural heritage. It has been my endeavour to provide them with a platform where their work is nurtured, recognised and espoused by millions. This unique temple offering is the result of this very outlook.*"

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BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19		
RISE	06:10	SET 17:59
RISE	00:53	SET 14:01
THURSDAY, OCT. 20		
RISE	06:10	SET 17:58
RISE	01:44	SET 14:42
FRIDAY, OCT. 21		
RISE	06:11	SET 17:58
RISE	02:33	SET 15:22

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	23
Mysuru	30	20
Bengaluru	29	21

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable but humid.Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C A slight warm and humid weather to continue. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

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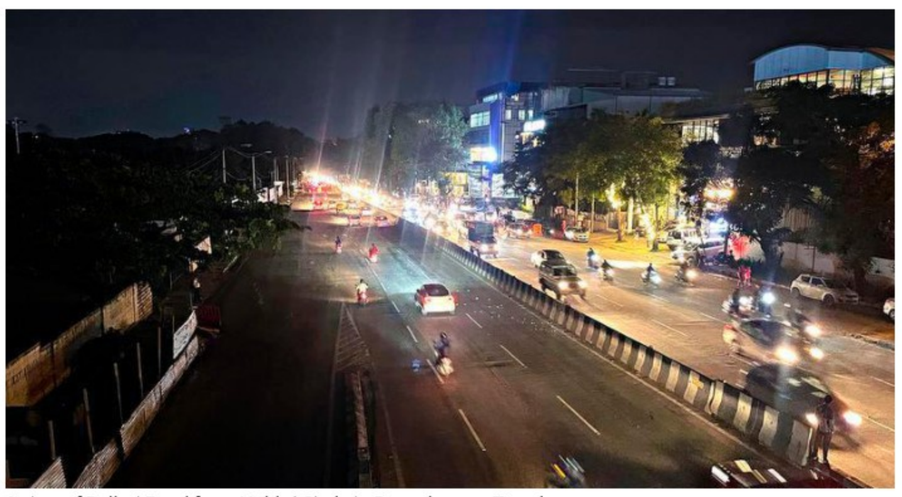
Ballari Road stretch to be upgraded to six lanes, govt. tells Karnataka HC

This is the stretch between Cauvery theatre junction and Palace Grounds Gate-4

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Tuesday told the High Court of Karnataka that the 630 m stretch of Ballari Road between Cauvery theatre junction and Palace Grounds Gate-4 at the entrance of Gayathri Vihar would be made a six-lane road from the existing four lanes to improve movement of vehicles towards the city from Mehkri Junction.

Also, the government said that Jayamahal Road between Mehkri Junction and Cantonment railway underpass is being upgraded to a proper four-lane road with a uniform width of 7.5 metres in both directions from the existing width varying from 5 to 7 m, and the works are under way.



A view of Ballari Road from Mehkri Circle in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

An affidavit in this regard was filed before a Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi during the hearing of a PIL petition, filed by Samarpana, a cultural and social organisation, seeking measures to decongest these stretches of the roads.

Additional Chief Secretary (Urban Development Department) Rakesh Singh, in his affidavit said that main reason for congestion of traffic is the uneven width of the road hence it was proposed to maintain uniform width.

Pointing out that the length of road between Cauvery Junction and Palace Grounds Gate-4 is about 630 meters and there exists a two-lane road on each side, the government said that it has been now proposed to widen the two-lane road to three lanes by increasing the existing width, which varies from 6.5 mts to 7.5 meters, to 9.5 meters on each side.

The existing central median will be shifted from the right to the left side while realigning the road, the affidavit states, and the road work would commence shortly, the government said while pointing out that already there exists a three-lane road on both the sides with a width of 11.5 m on each side between Palace Grounds Gate-4 and Mehkri Junction.

The government also said that 58 trees on this stretch have to be either translocated or removed and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has already submitted an application before the concerned authority of the Forest Department for this. Around 14 trees will have to translocated or removed on Jayamahal Road for widening, it has been stated in the affidavit.

The Bench adjourned further by two weeks while directing the BBMP to file a statement about the widening works in view of the proposal submitted by the government.

Administrator appointed to kabaddi association misused powers: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

There cannot be a better example of misuse of power and reckless action with *mala fide* intention on part of the administrator appointed to the Karnataka Rajya Amateur Kabaddi Association (KRAKA), the High Court of Karnataka observed, while noting the conduct of the administrator in filling a false affidavit related to four district associations.

It found that the administrator had filed a false affidavit stating no approval for affiliation of Hassan, Chamarajanagar, Koppal and Vijayapura zilla associations were given by the general body of the KRAKA in 2018, prior to appointment of the administrator in 2020, in view of COVID-19. Justice M. Nagaprasanna, while allowing petitions filed by the four zilla associations, found that the administrator himself had issued copies of the resolution, passed by the last general body meeting of the KRAKA in 2018, under the RTI. However, on the contrary, the administrator had not only issued communications to these zilla association that they were not affiliated but had also filed false affidavit before the court in an earlier petition.

In another petition, the court declared as illegal the registration of Bengaluru Urban District Amateur Kabaddi Association (BUDAKA) while holding that Bengaluru Urban Zilla Amateur Kabaddi Association (BUZAKA) is valid and affiliated association to the KRAKA.

While allowing BUZAKA's petition, it also quashed the order of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies cancelling the registration of petitioner based on a plaint lodged by BUDAKA related to an issue prior to registration of BUZAKA.

"The registration of BUDAKA runs foul of the mandate of Section 7 of the Cooperative Societies Registration Act," the court said.

UNXT launched

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Unnati, a Bengaluru based vocational training and social transformation foundation for the underprivileged youth, on Tuesday, launched UNXT, a 165-hour vocational training programme, in association with Karnataka Skill Development Corporation, (Department of Industrial Training and Employment), Government of Karnataka, and Exxon Mobil.

Under this programme, free vocational training will be extended to 5,000 students this year. The 30-day programme is meant for final year students from government degree, ITI, diploma and professional degree colleges. Visit unnatiblr.org for details.

Disruption in power supply

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

There will be a disruption in power supply on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the areas serviced by 220/66/11kV MUSS in view of hotline observation and maintenance works.

According to a press release from BESCOM, HSR Layout Division, the areas that will be affected are: HSR Layout 1st to 7th Sectors, Jakkasandra, CPWD Quarters, Teachers Colony, Venkatapura, KSRP Quarters, MLA Layout, Somasundarapalya, Haralur Road, Reliable Layout, Agara Flyover area, M.M. Palya (Right side), Yellukunte, Guntu Thope, part of Hosur Main Road, Ambedkar Nagar, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, old M.M. Palya Road, ITI Layout, Koramangala and surrounding areas.

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As per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines, a New Locker Agreement is required to be executed by all the Safe Deposit Locker (SDL) holders of the Banks. Accordingly, IDBI Bank Limited requests all its esteemed customers who have availed the Safe Deposit Locker facility with the Bank, to contact their home branch along with '2 recent Passport size Photographs'. In case of Joint Locker holders, all the joint holders are requested to visit home branch with their recent passport size photographs at the earliest and execute the New Locker Agreement as directed by RBI. We solicit kind cooperation from all our customers in this matter.

Sd/-
Authorized Signatory
IDBI Bank Ltd.,

Date: 18.10.2022
Place: Bangalore

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA ENTERPRISE)
No. EE/KNNL/BNT/DN/PB-4/2022-23/891 Date: 15.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement system only)

Tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore from eligible bidders /contractors, for the works detailed below (as per KTPP Act 2000), on The intending bidders can submit tenders / bids as an individual / Tie up, to be formed prior to the bidding only through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka website, https://www.eproc.karnataka. gov.in under Two Covers.(Technical and Financial)The detailed/blank tender document can be viewed / downloaded from the date & time of publication of tender in e-procurement portal. Stipulated time for submission of tenders/bids, for the works noted herein under, is as per KTPP Rules, Chapter-V, Rule-17, sub rule (2).
Name of work: **Providing Irrigation facility for Drought Affected areas in Sedam Assembly Constituency, Kalaburgi District by lifting water from Kagina River "Yeddalli Lift irrigation Scheme" and Providing Irrigation facility for Drought Affected areas in Sedam Assembly Constituency, Kalaburgi District by lifting water from Kagina River "Ternalli Lift irrigation Scheme"(Indent No-34113)**
The calendar of events will be as per the schedule in the e-procurement portal.
1) Price of bidding document : As per E-portal, 2) Date of commencement of Sale of bidding document : dt: **18.10.2022 AT 11.30 AM**, 3) Pre bid meeting : dt : **27.10.2022 11:30am through online**, 4)Last date and time for Submission of bids : dt: **02.11.2022 AT 5.00 PM,** 5) Time and date of Opening of Technical Bid : dt: **03.11.2022 AT 5.30pm**
Corrigendum, addendum, etc to the tendered work and any change in, Amount Put to Tender (APT), Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and conditions, etc for the above works, will be notified in e-procurement platform and the details of the same can be had from this office.
Further any information / queries / clarifications can be had from the under signed through email: eeknnlhebbal@gmail.com & from helpline Nos of e-portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in during office hours, before date & time allowed / notified.
Note: Any change / extensions etc., in the tender schedule (calendar of events) will not be published / advertised through news papers, changes will be updated on/in e-procurement portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL., BNT Project Divn, Hebbal.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/734/MC&A/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Ballari Thermal Power Station)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.: KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT13052 Date:17.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Portal Only) (Two Cover System)

Tender is invited through e-procurement portal **(Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** from contractors who are having experience in execution of similar works and financial turnover as per e-portal PQR **for Study of EHG Hunting Problem and providing possible solution at BTPS Unit -2". EMD : Rs. 20,135/-** Last date and time for tender queries / Clarifications : **19.10.2022 upto 11.00 Hrs.** Pre-bid meeting : **20.10.2022 @ 11.00 Hrs.** Last date and time for receipt of tender: **27.10.2022 upto 16.00 Hrs.** Opening of Technical Bid : **28.10.2022 @ 16.30 Hrs.** Opening of Financial Bid : **29.10.2022 @ 10.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from office of the **Executive Engineer (I&C)-1, BTPS, KPCL**, Kudathini-583 152, Ballari Dist. Mobile: 99448290737.

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL MODE ONLY)
No. . SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/22-23/3819 Dated: 10-10-2022

KPTCL invites bids for the following works.
1. Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/REPL/26** for Replacement of 2nd 1x12.5MVA, 66/11kV Power transformer by 1x20MVA, 66/11kV Power transformer at 66/11kV Harave Sub-station in Chamarajanagara Taluk, Chamarajanagara District on PTK Basis.
2. Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/REPL/33** for Providing Additional 1x8 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11kV Jannur Sub-Station in Chamarajanagara Taluk & Chamarajanagara District on Partial Turnkey Basis.
3. Bid Enquiry No.: **SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/22-23/LINE-18** for Stringing 66kV 2nd circuit with Coyote conductor on existing 66kV DC towers of 66kV Chamarajanagara-Honnalli SC Line for a distance of about 17Kms along with 66kV TBs at both ends in Chamarajanagara Taluk & District on TTK basis.

The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-procurement-kptcl"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** on or after **21.10.2022.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, El.,
Transmission(W&M)Circle, KPTCL, 1st Floor,
'Prasarana Bhavana', N.R.Mohalla, Mysuru - 570 007.

ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)
Regd. Office: Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022
CIN:U40102OR2004SGC007553

TENDER ALERT

1)E-Tender Call Notice No.CPC.24/2022-23: Bids invited from reputed manufacturers for Supply of Porcelain log rod Insulators. The bidding documents will be available from 19.10.2022 (11.00Hrs.).
Complete set of bidding documents are available on the tender portal: **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** portal, and OPTCL's official website: **www.optcl.co.in**.

HIPR-31/2022-23 **Sd/- SGM (CPC)**
CAD-2219 OIPR-04011/11/0117/2223

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ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

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Work Indent No :- 34320
ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 35.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 70,000/-

ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **29-10-2022 ರ 4.00pm** ತನಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **31-10-2022 ರಂದು ಮುಂಜಾನೆ: 11.00am** ರಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿವಾರು ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬಸೈಟ್ ಮುಖೇನ **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0836-2315225 ನ್ನು ಕಚೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/-
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ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾ/ದಿಶಾ/674/2022-23 ಕನೀನಿ, ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 3 ಬ್ಯಾಹಟ್ಟಿ

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No: KSTPB/05/Tender-Vehicles with Drivers/2022-23 Date:18.10.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (2nd CALL)

Sealed tenders are invited from reputed firms for supply of vehicles with Drivers for the office of Member Secretary, karnataka State Town Planning Board, Gate No. 4, Multistoried Building, Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore - 560 001 through e-procurement portal. Tender Document on e-procurement platform will be published on **19.10.2022 at 11.00 Hours.** The last date for submission of bid is **04.11.2022 upto 17.30 Hours.** Date and time of opening of Technical bid is **05.11.2022 at 10.30 Hours** and date of opening of financial bid is **07.11.2022 at 11.00 Hours.**

Prescribed tender form along with NIT, terms & cinditions etc., can be obtained / downloaded from and submitted through e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Deputy Director

DIPR/CP/JA/2660/2022-23

The Mysore Sugar Company Ltd.
Sugar Town, Mandya

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Eighty First Annual General Meeting of the Members of Mysore Sugar Company Limited will be held on 03rd Day of November 2022, Thursday at 11.00 AM through Video Conference ("VC")/ Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the following business:
ORDINARY BUSINESS:- (1) To Consider and adopt Profit & Loss Account for the year ended 31 March 2015 and Balance Sheet as at that date, and the Report of the Directors' and the Auditors' thereon.
(2) To note the appointment M/s. B V C & Co., Chartered Accountants, Bangalore, as Statutory Auditors of the company. Comptroller and Auditor General of India have appointed as M/s. B V C & Co., Chartered Accountants, Bangalore, as Statutory Auditors of the Company, to hold office for the Accounting Year 2014-2015 until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of Accounting Year 2017-2018
Notes:- (1) The Shareholders shall have to vote through E-voting. E-voting instructions has been provided in the Annual Report books which have been already sent to Shareholders
(2) Video Conference Link for the 81st AGM is – https://5e19.short.gy/webinar
By Order of the Board of Directors
For Mysore Sugar Company Limited

Sd/-Patil Appasaheba, Managing Director
DIN-07112490

Place:Mandya Date: 28.07.2022.
DIPR/AD-MDY/MC&A/ 396/2022-23

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ನಂ:ಕಾನಿಅ/ಸಸಇಅ/ತಾವಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಪ.ವಾ.ಯೊ.ಖಾ/ಅ.ಪಿ.ಬಂ/ಕೆರೆ/2022-23/2524 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14/10/2022

ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್)- ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-4

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿ ನವೀಕರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಐಟಂ ದರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ-2000 ಮತ್ತು ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳಂತೆ ಕರಾವಳಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಿಯುವ ನದಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಾಂದಾರ/ಚೆಕ್‌ಡ್ಯಾಂ/ಬಾರ್‌ಲ್ಯಾಂಡ್/ಕೆರೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರವಾರ, ಅಂಕೋಲಾ, ಹಾಗೂ ಭಟ್ಕಳ ತಾಲೂಕುಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ **KW-4 (ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟೆ) ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ "ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯುರಮೆಂಟ್"** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು: 4702 ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಹಿನಿಯೋಜನೆ (ಬಾರಲ್ಯಾಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು)
(1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: 37018, **4702 ಆಣೆಕಟ್ಟು ಮತ್ತು ಪಿಕಪ್ – ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು**
(2) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: 36205 (3) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: 35800 **4702 ಕೆರೆಗಳ ಆಧುನೀಕರಣ** – (ಒಟ್ಟು 3 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು)

ಖಾಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ : **"https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam"**ದಲ್ಲಿ ಡೌನಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **08-11-2022** ರಂದು ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಡ್‌ದಾರರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **09-11-2022** ರೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಅನುಮಾನಗಳಿದ್ದರೆ ಕಚೇರಿ ಅಥವಾ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಪರಿಹರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.
ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **14-11-2022** ರ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ **05.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **15-11-2022** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ **05.35 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ದೊರೆತ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.
ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಮಾನದಂಡಗಳನ್ನು **ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-4 ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್**ರಲ್ಲಿರುವಂತೆ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ವಿವರಗಳೇ ಅಂತಿಮ.
ವಿ.ಸೂ: ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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SECTION 1 -INVITATION FOR TENDERS KW-4

IFT No : 19/2022-23 Date : 14.10.2022

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground water Development Division, Shimoga invites tenders in Standard Bid Document K/W-4 through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz., **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible contractors for the **2- work** coming under Shikaripura sub-division amounting from **Rs. 128.00 to 232.00** lakhs Period of downloading tender documents from e-procurement portal: From **14.10.2022 to 29.10.2022 upto 16:00hrs.** Tender opening date at **11:00 hrs on 31.10.2022**. Any other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e-procurement website @ **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** are final.

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- **ITPL Main Road (EPIP Substation Road)-Road No.02,**
- **GE Health Care - Road No. 04,**
- **TATA Communications - Road No. 07**
- **Satya Sai Hospital Main Road**
- **Post office (EPIP branch) Road**
- **White Field Main Road (Towards Hope Farm)**
- **Kadugodi Industrial Main Road (up to BMRCL RSS)**

Any direct contact with 66 kV UG cables could be fatal.

Hence, public at large are cautioned not to do any digging work in the above mentioned route without authorization.

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Sd/- Chief Electrical Engineer (Traction)

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ಕಂದಾಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ

ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ಕಲಂ-19(1) ರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಓದಲಾದ ಪ್ರಕರಣ 19(2) ರ ಅನ್ವಯ ಘೋಷಣೆ

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಂಇ 16 ಎಕ್ಯೂಡಿ 2022 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10-10-2022

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಉದ್ದೇಶದ ಹೊಸೂರ-ಗೋಕುಲ ರಸ್ತೆಯನ್ನು 100 ಅಡಿ ಅಗಲೀಕರಣ ಯೋಜನೆಗಾಗಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಎಮ್. ತಿಮ್ಮಸಾಗರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಅನುಸೂಚಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಣಿಸಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನತೆಯ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಕಂಡು ಬಂದಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ **ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನತೆ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಪುನರ್‌ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ-2013** (2013ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 30)ಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ:23.07.2019ದಿಂದ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿರುವ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಪುನರ್‌ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ) ಕಾಯ್ದೆ-2019 (2019ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:16) ರ ಕಲಂ-10(ಎ)ರಡಿ ಮೂಲ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಾಯ-II & III ರಲ್ಲಿನ ಉಪಬಂಧಗಳನ್ವಯ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ವಿನಾಯಿತಿ ನೀಡಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಂಇ 05 ಎಕ್ಯೂಡಿ 2022, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.01.2022ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ್ದರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ 2013ರ ಮೂಲ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ಕಲಂ- 11(1)ರಡಿ ಕ್ರಮಾಂಕ: ಎಲ್‌ಎಕ್ಯೂಸಿಆರ್-01/2021-22, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20-01-2022ರಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚಿಸಿ, ದಿನಾಂಕ:21.01.2022ರಂದು ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಕಲಂ:15(1)ರನ್ವಯ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳು ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾಗದೇ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ/ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾಗಿರುವ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆಲಿಸಿದ ನಂತರ ಹಾಗೂ ಸೂಕ್ತ ವಿಚಾರಣಾ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಸಿದ ನಂತರ ವಿಚಾರಣಾ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕಂಇ 16 ಎಕ್ಯೂಡಿ 2022 ದಿನಾಂಕ:25.07 2022 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಪ್ಪಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದುವರೆಸಲು ನಿರ್ದೇಶನ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನತೆ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಪುನರ್‌ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ- 2013ರ ಕಲಂ-19(1)ರಡಿ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಅಗತ್ಯವಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಮನದಟ್ಟಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ, ಮೇಲೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳು ಅಗತ್ಯವಾಗಿವೆ ಎಂದು ಸದರಿ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 19(1)ನೇ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಘೋಷಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಆದರಂತೆ ಸದರಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ನಿಯಮ 3ನೇ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ (ಜಿ) ಖಂಡದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಧಾರವಾಡ ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಇವರನ್ನು ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನತೆಯ ಮುಂದಿನ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಾನೂನು ಕ್ರಮ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಗಳ ಕುರಿತಂತೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂ: ಕಂಇ 04 ಎಕ್ಯೂಬಿ 2020, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.03.2022ರನ್ವಯ ಸದರಿ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ 2013ರ ಮೂಲ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಾಯ- II & IIIರಲ್ಲಿನ ಉಪಬಂಧಗಳನ್ನು ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ವಿನಾಯಿತಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ 2013ರ ಮೂಲ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಾಯ-II & IIIರಲ್ಲಿನ ಪುನರ್ ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣದ ಅವಕಾಶಗಳ ಬದಲಾಗಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವ ಒಂದು ಇಡಿಗಂಟು ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್ ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ) ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2020ರ ನಿಯಮ 29(5)ರಂತೆ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲು ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಅಂಶಗಳ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮದ ಕಲಂ 21(1)ರಡಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನತೆಯ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಕ್ಯಾನಡೆಯುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ, ಹಾಗೂ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಕ್ಷೇಮಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆಯ ನೋಟೀಸ್ ನೀಡಿ ಮುಂದಿನ ಕ್ರಮ ಜರುಗಿಸಲು ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿಸಿದೆ.

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Businessman robbed

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An armed biker robbed a businessman at his apartment gate while the security guards looked on, in Kempapura Agrahara on Saturday afternoon.

The victim, Mahendra Kumar Mehta, 40, a resident of ETA apartment was about to enter the main gate, when an unidentified man on a bike confronted him and demanded that he handover his valuables. Mr Mehta called the guards for help but they merely watched the situation unfold. The man pulled out a kinfe, threatened to stab Mehta, forcibly took ₹13,000 from his pocket and a copy of his Aadhaar card, and sped away.

The police are now analyzing CCTV footage from in and around the area to identify the accused.

Meet on media literacy held

The Hindu Bureau
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The Department of Media Studies, Kristu Jayanti College Autonomous on Monday organised the second edition of Vidwat Sammilan on 'Digital Media Literacy: The need of the hour'. K.G. Suresh, Vice Chancellor of Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication, Bhopal, was the resource person for the event.

According to a release from the Kristu Jayanti College, addressing the students, Prof. Suresh, explained digital media literacy with various examples. He opined how digitization divided media history into two parts – before and after Google. "Media literacy does not just cover fake information, misinformation or fact-checking. It means understanding what goes into the making of news and the news organisation. When people have the understanding of the dynamics of news, media houses, mainstream media and alternative media, only then can they become media literate," he explained.

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Minister tweets first images of KIA 2nd terminal

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. K. Sudhakar tweeted a video of the yet-to-be-inaugurated terminal 2 of Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru, on Tuesday. The terminal will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 11. "Billed as the garden terminal, Terminal-2 has been designed and developed to showcase the ethos of Namma Bengaluru as a garden city," he tweeted. The Minister also tweeted a representational animated video of the 108-foot Kempegowda statue coming up near the airport, now christened "Statue of Prosperity".

Three-year-old boy feared drowned in storm-water drain

As many as 25 personnel from fire and emergency services launched a search operation for a three-year-old boy who is feared to have fallen into an open drain while playing in Varthur on Sunday. The police along with rescue teams of fire and emergency service personnel searched for the boy since Tuesday morning in the drain before calling off the search operations due to bad light. The search operation will resume on Wednesday. The victim, Kabir Saud, is the son of a couple from Nepal who are staying in a rented house on Balegere road in Varthur.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (October 19, Wednesday), the following explainer is available:

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Contrary to suggestions by expert panel, merger of four RTCs proposed

KSRTC Chairman says most States have a single RTC and if the four corporations are merged, the unified entity will be called KSRTC like before the division in 1997; the move will help save administrative costs and increase operational efficiency, say political appointees in the RTCs

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

Contrary to the recommendations made by the M.R. Sreenivasa Murthy committee, political appointees in the State Road Transport Corporations (RTCs) are now batting for merger of all corporations into a single entity, arguing that the move would help save administrative costs and increase operational efficiency. The committee had recommended against the merger.

There are four State-run road transport corporations: Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC), and Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC).

'Will be of help'

M. Chandrappa, chairman, KSRTC, said a unified corporation will serve a greater purpose now. "In the 1990s, then KSRTC, which had jurisdiction over the entire State, was bogged down by repeated strike calls by the unions. In an attempt to weaken the union activities, reorganisations were done on regional lines. But this resulted in more administrative costs in terms of running corporate offices, divisional offices, and others. Operational efficiency has reduced. A merger will help in utilising the fleet size to an optimal level."

When quizzed on whether a formal request was made to the government, he said the final call will be taken by the Chief Minister.

"Most States have a single RTC. Even States bigger than Karnataka, like Uttar Pradesh, have a single RTC. If the four corporations are merged, the unified entity will be called KSRTC, like before the division in 1997," Mr. Chandrappa said.

After the pandemic, RTCs have been facing financial distress and the merger will help in better utilisation of available human resources, an official said. FILE PHOTO

History of reorganisation

1982
A committee headed by J.C. Lynn recommended separate city bus operations of KSRTC in Bengaluru. Interestingly, the committee also advocated for a metro rail system by 2000 for Bengaluru, but metro became a reality in 2011

1992
An expert committee headed by P. Kodandaramaiah, IPS officer, took the view that the State having a monolithic organisation to provide bus services was a disadvantage because of the large administrative distance between the central office and the operating units. It recommended eight autonomous companies to replace KSRTC

1994
P.G.R. Sindhia committee recommended creation of separate subsidiary corporations in Hubballi and Kalaburagi, besides separating Bengaluru city operations from KSRTC

1997 to 2000
Reorganisation of KSRTC done based on recommendations of a joint legislature committee headed by Sindhia

Source: M.R. Sreenivasa Murthy Committee Report

Merger not necessary, says committee report

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The one-man committee led by retired IAS officer M. R. Sreenivasa Murthy, formed to explore means to revive the RTCs, rejected the idea of merger.

The committee expressed the view that BMTC, NWKRTC, and KKRTC have adequate operational autonomy to manage their affairs and are able to coordinate their work with KSRTC in an atmosphere of friendly cooperation. The committee had made recommendations for setting up a "coordination committee" for rationalisation of services on common routes or overlapping routes, procurement of material, personnel management, and other issues.

The committee also recommended developing a common IT platform for all four RTCs at the earliest. It batted for expert opinion and commuter feedback at the taluk and depot level to increase efficiency.

Towards cutting down administrative and operations costs, it advocated the introduction of an off-board ticketing system to bring down the expenditures on conductors, which will also help in increasing operations by over 50%. For better utilisation of available human resources, the committee recommended restructuring of the existing 12 departments to eight departments.

Financial distress

After the pandemic, RTCs have been facing financial distress and the merger will help in better utilisation of available human resources and other infrastructure, he argued.

"For example, in Mysuru, we clubbed rural and urban divisions that helped earn around ₹100 crore per year. At the central office of KSRTC in Shantinagar, there are around 400 employees. The same is the case with other central offices of other corporations. If we merge, 400 staff strength is sufficient for the administration of all the corporations," Mr. Chandrappa said.

However, he admitted that no comprehensive study was done to assess the benefit of merging the corporations.

PGNEET counselling put on hold following High Court's interim order

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has stopped the PGNEET-2022 (post graduate medical courses) counselling following the interim order of the High Court of Karnataka on the in-service quota. This has led to uncertainty among PGNEET eligible candidates.

The case had gone to court after KEA has released 4,157 PG medical and dental course seat matrix for the 2022-23 academic year on October 10. The contention was over Karnataka's share of in-service postgraduate (PG) quota, which is down by 192 seats. In 2021-22, the State had 398 PG medical in-service quota seats. This year, the number is only 206.

The State government must reserve 70% of PG medical seats for non-service doctors and 30% for government in-service doctors. However, this year, the government had put aside 85% of seats for non-service doctors and only 15% for in-service doctors working in the Health and Family Welfare Department, autonomous institutions, BBMP and Boards and Corporations across the State. In-service doctors had challenged this in court on October 14.

The High Court passed an interim order and directed KEA not to precipitate the matter till the next date of hearing. The next hearing is listed for October 20.

When contacted, B.L. Sujatha Rathod, Director, Directorate of Medical Education, said, "The matter is in the High Court. We will follow the court direction."

Glitches continue

Meanwhile, technical glitches in the registration process for UGNEET-2022 eligible candidates continued on Tuesday.

The server became slow around 3 p.m. and candidates failed to register on the portal. Tensed parents and students thronged KEA to get clarity from authorities. KEA informed them that the server was under maintenance and candidates could try to login after 8 p.m.

The authority also announced that as of now, 9,500 UGCET and 6,400 UGNEET eligible candidates had successfully registered on the portal. KEA also released guidelines for UGNEET-2022 candidates to fill online applications.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, S. Ramya, Executive Director, KEA, said, "The server supported up to 3 p.m. However, it became slow after that. I have discussed this with the State data centre and they promised to provide additional resources."

Congress launches 'SayCM' campaign

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following the success of its 'PayCM' campaign, the Congress has launched 'SayCM' campaign, demanding answers to the questions it has asked the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in the State.

The Karnataka Congress on Tuesday tweeted another image on the lines of 'PayCM' campaign which said: "SayCM, 90% Undelivered. Do we need to Pay CM for CM to Say".

"Let PayCM now become SayCM. Let them answer the people of the state. BJP Karnataka that has broken their promise to the people by forgetting the assurances they gave before the elections needs to answer now. Should people pay 40% commission to even speak of the promises you made in the election manifesto?," the KPCC tweeted.

'No answers'

Congress leader Priyank Kharge said the party had earlier launched a campaign 'Nimma Hattira Ideya Uttara?' (Do you have the answers?) and asked 50 questions to the government.

"But till now they have not answered even a single question," he said, adding that this had forced them to do a 'SayCM' campaign along with 'PayCM' campaign.

Film festival

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bangalore Film Society (BFS) in collaboration with Pedestrian Pictures, Rushes Film Club of St Joseph's University and Gamana Women's Collective is organising 'Aane Matthu Iruve : Story of a Republic' (The Elephant and the Ant: Story of a Republic), a film festival and panel discussions, from October 19 to 21.

The event at St. Joseph's University Auditorium will be inaugurated by Prakash Raj and Harinder Kaur Bindu. Entry to the event is free. For details, log into www.bangalorefilmsociety.org/aane-matthu-iruve-story-of-a-republic/.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. 28/MYS/2022 of 12-10-2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	Supply of 52/60 Kg Alumino thermic welding portions with all accessories as approved by RDSO including supervision. **Sub Work 1 :** Ashokapuram : Proposed connecting road No. 4, 5 to main line at Chamarajanagar end. **Sub Work 2 :** Ashokapuram : Requirement of additional work for Ashokapuram yard remodelling.	Rs. 34,90,198/-
2	Subramanya Road - Provision of Lifts 2 Nos.	Rs. 41,39,547/-
3	Nanjangud Town, Chamarajanagar - Extension of PF-1 and PF-2 & 3 at Nanjangud Town, PF-1 and PF 2 & 3 at Ashokapuram and PF 1 at Chamarajanagar to accommodate 24+1 ICF coaches (Excluding PF 1 and PF 2 & 3 at Ashokapuram)	Rs. 22,52,648/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 03-11-2022**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-ordination
PUB/424/AAS/PRB/SWR/2022-23 **Mysuru**
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/86/2022 Dated : 07-10-2022

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Request for Proposal for Development / Redevelopment of Major Upgradation of Bengaluru Cantonment Railway Station on Engineering Procurement and Construction mode. **(Tender Ref. No.: BNC-Stn-Redevelopment-EPC-R)**	Rs. 455,00,00,000/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 18-11-2022**

Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/87/2022 Dated : 07-10-2022

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Londa - Miraj Doubling : Construction of ROB in lieu of existing ROB No. 181B at km 714/100-200 between Chinchli - Kudachi Stations as 1x48m clear span Bow String steel girder with RCC retaining wall on approaches and allied works. **(Tender Ref. No. LD-MRJ-70)**	Rs. 24,28,32,844/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 28-10-2022**

Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/89/2022 Dated : 10-10-2022

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	Final Location Survey between Ballari – Chikjajur Station (185.0km). **(Tender Ref. No.: BAY-JRU-FLS-01)**	Rs. 4,48,95,787/-
2	**Yelahanka – Penukonda Doubling :** Carrying out the balance works for construction and commissioning of ROB in lieu of LC No. 44 at Gauribidanur yard including approaches. **(Tender Ref. No.: YNK-PKD-47)**	Rs. 4,55,75,081/-
3	**Hubballi – Ballari Section :** Proposed construction of Road Over Bridge at km 145/400-500 in lieu of LC No. 85 between Hosapete and Kariganuru Station as 1x60m clear span bowstring steel girder (Railway Span) and 8x24.0m PSC girder & CC blocks with Geogird as approaches and service road on both sides of ROB. **(Tender Ref. No. UBL-BAY-LC-85)**	Rs. 32,72,01,453/-

Last date for submission of bids: **for Sl. No. 1 is Upto 11:30 Hrs. & for Sl. No. 2 & 3 is Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 29-10-2022**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Chief Materials Manager / Construction Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/420/AAS/PRB/SWR/2022-23
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

Grazing animals key to long-term soil carbon stability: IISc study

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A study carried out by researchers at the Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES) and the Divecha Centre for Climate Change (DCCC), IISc, has revealed that grazing animals hold the key to long-term soil carbon stability.

The 16-year-long study carried out by CES and DCCC researchers states that large mammalian herbivores like the Yak and Ibex play a crucial role in stabilising the pool of soil carbon in grazing ecosystems such as the Spiti region in the Himalayas.

Experimental removal of grazing by herbivores from such ecosystems was found to increase the fluctuations in the level of soil carbon, which can have unintended negative consequences for the global carbon cycle, the study revealed.

Long-term field experiments were conducted in the high-altitude Himalayan desert ecosystem in Spiti, Himachal Pradesh. DILIP NAIDU

According to the study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, since soil contains more carbon than all plants and the atmosphere combined, it is important to ensure its persistence. When plants and animals die, dead organic matter remains in the soil for a long duration before microbes break it down and release carbon into the atmosphere as carbon dioxide. "The soil pool is a reliable sink for trapping carbon. Maintaining stable levels of carbon in the soil is therefore key to offsetting the effects of climate change," said Sumanta Bagchi, associate professor at CES and senior author of the study.

Mr. Bagchi began studying the impact of grazing animals on Himalayan ecosystems way back in 2005 and he and his team have established fenced plots (where animals were excluded) as well as plots in which animals like yak and ibex grazed.

Over the following decade, he and his students collected soil samples from the region and analysed their chemical composition, tracking, and comparing the levels of carbon and nitrogen in each plot year after year.

From one year to the next, soil carbon was found to fluctuate 30-40% more in the fenced plots where animals were absent, compared to the grazed plots where it remained more stable each year. A key factor underlying these fluctuations was nitrogen. Depending on the soil conditions, nitrogen can either stabilise or destabilise the carbon pool. Grazing by herbivores, however, changes their interactions in ways that tip the balance in favour of the former, the researchers found, stated IISc.

Many previous studies have focused on measuring carbon and nitrogen levels at long time intervals, assuming that the accumulation or loss of carbon is a slow process but the interannual fluctuations they noticed in their data paint a very different picture. These fluctuations can be consequential for climate as they are linked to how large mammalian herbivores influence soil, said Dilip G.T. Naidu, PhD student at DCCC and first author of the study.

As grazing ecosystems make up about 40% of the Earth's land surface, protecting the herbivores that keep the soil carbon stable should remain a key priority for mitigating climate change, the researchers said.

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State's 2022 dengue tally almost touches last year's total caseload

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

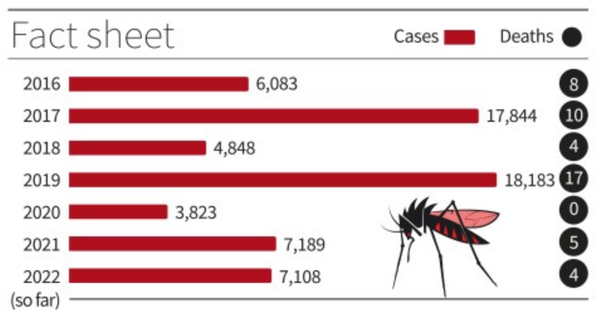
Dengue is on the rise in the State with the total number of cases till October 18 this year almost touching last year's figure of 7,189.

According to data from the State Health Department, from January till October 18 this year, the State has reported 7,108 dengue cases and four deaths. While two of the deaths are from Udupi, one each has been reported from Vijayapura and Chickballapur.

The State has added over half of the total tally in the last one quarter. With nearly 18% of the State's total cases this year being reported in Bengaluru, the city continued to record the highest number of positive cases. From 351 cases in July, Bengaluru's dengue tally has seen over a three-fold rise to touch 1,227 on October 18.

Sewage surveillance

Concerned over the rise, the BBMP has started sewage surveillance of dengue similar to what was being done for COVID. BBMP Special Commissioner (Health) K.V. Trilok Chandra told *The Hindu* that sewage surveillance that began in September has shown the highest incidence in Mahadevpura, East and South zones in the city. "This vector borne disease is on a downward trend in other zones. However, we are continuing to create awareness on prevention, regular door-to-door surveillance to check larvae breeding in open water storage containers apart from fogging and spraying to prevent mosquito breeding," he said.



Incidence in districts

Among districts other than Bengaluru, Mysuru has recorded the highest with 630 cases so far. Mysuru is followed by Udupi (471), Vijayapura (351), Dakshina Kannada (323), and Kalaburagi (278).

> State is witnessing an onslaught of other viral ailments just as people are breathing easy from COVID. The spread is moving to the districts and is not restricted to Bengaluru.
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> **H. SUDARSHAN BALLAL**
> Chairman, Manipal Hospitals

H. Sudarshan Ballal, Chairman, Manipal Hospitals and member of State's COVID-19 Expert Committee, said the State is witnessing an onslaught of other viral ailments just as people are breathing easy from COVID. "The spread is moving to the districts and is not restricted to Bengaluru," he said.

He advised people to be on the alert and protect themselves from mosquito bites. "Intermittent rains and resumption of construction activities has resulted in increased water stagnation and mosquito breeding," said Dr. Ballal.

Susanta Kumar Ghosh, former scientist and head, field station of ICMR-National Institute of Malaria Research in Bengaluru, said most dengue control programmes are based on reducing transmission at home. "However, the findings of a study published on March 2 this year in Lancet Infectious Diseases suggest that a renewed focus on transmission reduction programmes at public places should be given priority," he said.

"Both dengue and COVID-19 are single-stranded positive sense RNA viruses that have animal origin linkage. Epidemiologically, both the diseases present over 80% asymptomatic cases. COVID-19 is an airborne respiratory disease; while dengue is transmitted mainly by day biting Aedes aegypti mosquitoes," Dr. Ghosh explained.

"Municipal bodies should conduct neighbourhood surveillance and contact tracing similar to what was being done during COVID. One infected mosquito can transmit the infection to seven to eight healthy individuals at a time creating a cluster. Epidemiological studies should be conducted to identify cluster infections and initiate preventive measures," he added.

INBRIEF

Lokesh appointed as Director of Kidwai cancer institute

V. Lokesh, professor and head of the Department of Radiation Oncology, has been appointed as the Director of the State-run Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology for a period of three years. A Government Order to this effect was issued on Monday. Dr. Lokesh took over from Dr. C. Ramachandra, whose extended term as Director has ended.

Motorcycle expedition by ASC Tornadoes in the Northeast

As part of 11th Army Service Corps Reunion, 262nd Corps Day, and 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the motorcycle display team ASC Tornadoes undertook a motorcycle expedition in the Northeastern region of the country. The expedition, which also paid homage to martyrs who have served the nation, consisted of 15 riders led by Captain Abhijeet Singh Grewal and covered a distance of 2,600 km in 16 days.

Post-war reunion of Maratha Light Infantry Regiment

The Maratha Light Infantry Regiment, one of the oldest regiments of the Indian Army organised its 17th post-war reunion at the Maratha Light Infantry Regimental Centre, Belgaum, from October 15 to 17 after a span of four years with the last edition held in February 2019. The event witnessed participation not only from affiliated units of the Indian Army but also from affiliated units of the Indian Air Force, Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard thus complementing the theme of the Reunion Synergy. It was the first major event post lockdown and witnessed enthusiastic participation from all ranks of the regiment, affiliated arms and services, veterans, and veer naris.

CM takes exception to Rahul's allegation on job recruitments

He says he can make a list of scams related to recruitments during Siddaramaiah's five-year tenure as Chief Minister of Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Taking a dig at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his statement that ruling BJP in the State was "auctioning" government jobs, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that he could make a list of scams related to recruitments during Siddaramaiah's five-year tenure as Chief Minister of Karnataka.

He was addressing a public meeting organised by Bidar district unit of BJP at Ballur village in Aurad taluk of Bidar district on Tuesday.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and other leaders participating in the Jana Sankalpa Yatra at Aurad in Bidar district on Tuesday.
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Hitting back at Mr. Gandhi over his statement at a public rally during Bharat Jodo Yatra at Ballari, the Chief Minister alleged that the Siddaramaiah-led government had covered up many such scams. The recruitment committee head during Mr. Siddaramaiah's regime was himself accused in the police recruitment scam, Mr. Bommai said, adding that he would provide evidence of the scams to Mr. Gandhi and dared him to take action against his party leaders.

The Chief Minister reiterated that it was the BJP-led government that unearthed the PSI recruitment scam and cutting across party lines, took action against all those involved. We had suspended an IPS officer after he was arrested by CID for his alleged role in the PSI recruitment scam, he added.

The Chief Minister also hit out at Congress for the claim that Scheduled Castes and Tribes were being ignored by the government. He said it was, on the contrary, Congress which had done little for their welfare over all these years.

Speaking to mediapersons later in the day, Mr. Bommai said that the Jana Sankalpa Yatra launched from Raichur last week was receiving overwhelming response from across the State. Last week, we held Jana Sankalpa Yatra at Raichur, Ballari, Vijayanagara and people are extending their support to make it a "Vijaya Sankalpa Yatra", he said.

Hitting back at Mr. Siddaramaiah who said that BJP's Jana Sankalpa Yatra rallies' focus seemed to be targeting Mr. Siddaramaiah, Mr. Bommai said even the Congress public meetings had never ended without criticising the RSS, BJP and himself.

Ministerial expansion: CM seeks Central leaders' time this week

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday said he had sought time of the party Central leaders this week to hold consultations on ministerial expansion.

"If they give me time, I will go to Delhi in the middle of the ongoing Jana Samparka Yatre to meet them," the Chief Minister told mediapersons in Bengaluru.

The party national general secretary and State incharge Arun Singh had said on Sunday that ministerial expansion is the prerogative of the Chief Minister and that he was expected to take a call in this regard soon.

Cautious exercise

Sources in the BJP said that the party was in favour of having ministerial expansion as the tenure of the government itself was about to end in six months.

"There is no point in allowing this opportunity to go waste especially when it can help you politically ahead of elections. But we want it to be a careful and cautious exercise so that there should not be any negative impact of such a process on the party," observed a senior leader.

Vokkaligas' demand

Meanwhile, replying to queries on the demand by Adichunchanagiri Mutt seer Nirmalanandanatha Swami that reservation for Vokkaliga community should be increased, the Chief Minister said there is nothing wrong in communities asking for more reservation as all the communities were becoming aspirational. But there are procedures and reports by the permanent backward classes commission that need to be followed, he observed.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU - **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**
Building Organisation - Form of Contract : Lumpsum
Tender Notice No.13 / VLR – CLE / 2022 – 2023 / Dated : 18.10.2022

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu Sealed Tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Vellore –1 for the following work from the eligible Contractors registered in Public works Department of Government of Tamil Nadu, upto **3.00 PM** as per office clock on **22.11.2022** under Two cover system (Pre qualification and Price tender). The Prequalification cover (Cover I) alone will be opened on **22.11.2022** at **3.30 PM** by the Superintending Engineer in presence of the Tenderers or their authorised agents.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate value of work including GST (Rs.in lakhs)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (in Rupees)	Period of Completion (including monsoon period)
1.	Construction of Additional floors over the Second floor of Centre of Excellence building in Government Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital at **Karapettai** in Kancheepuram District.	9590.00	48,05,000/-	18 Months

The E.M.D. remittance and other details can also be available from the Govt. designated website **(http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in)** and Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Building (C&M) Circle, Vellore – 632 001. The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the above website, **upto 21.11.2022 - 5.45 pm.**

DIPR/ 4658 /TENDER/2022

Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (C&M) Circle, Vellore-1.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT

Name of the Work : **Construction of SFRC Compound wall, 2 Nos Entry and Exit Gate and M/s Gate with LED Letters and reflective direction Signage Boards.**
Estimated Cost : **Rs.497.25 lakhs (approx.).**
Period of Completion : **3.5 (Three point five) Calendar Months.**
Pre-Bid meeting is to be conducted on dtd. 05.11.2022 at 3.30 P.M.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
		From	To
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Idco Tower, Bhubaneswar.	Bid Id. No. PC/EST/E-82 / 2022-23	17.00 Hours of 25.10.2022	17.00 Hours of 09.11.2022

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, www.Tendersorissa.gov.in and Corrigendum if any will not be published in news papers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal **www.tenderorissa.gov.in and IDCO Website www.idco.in.**

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Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar

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Bommai wants action plan for turning State into $1-trillion economy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has indicated that an action plan would be prepared to help turn Karnataka into a US $ one-trillion economy in sync with India's target of becoming a five-trillion $ economy by 2032.

The Chief Minister said this after releasing a book on creating "Karnataka: A $1 Trillion GDP Vision" authored by Economists T.V. Mohandas Pai and Nisha Holla of "3one4 Capital", which is prepared based on the Planning Department's Karnataka Economic Survey 2021-22.

The Chief Minister has said that the action plan should be ready by December 2022. He also favoured setting up of a vision group involving the Chief Secretary, Mr. Pai and representatives from FICCI and Mckensey among others to help prepare the action plan.

He also suggested development of coastal corridor considering the enormous potential Mangaluru port has for expansion to boost exports. The other steps suggested by the Chief Minister include increasing the borrowing capacity of people for promoting development and exploring the untapped potential of industry to stimulate employment, besides increasing growth in industry as well as in agriculture and services sectors.

The book presents a comprehensive analysis of Karnataka's socio-economic status. It explains various factors that have propelled Karnataka to consistently being ranked as one of India's top five state economies.

The State has the third highest GDP in financial year 2022, the highest per-capita income among the larger states, and 66% of its economy comes from services, according to the book.

According to the book, Karnataka is one of India's foremost employment generators as the EPFO data shows that Karnataka generated 13.60 lakh formal jobs in FY 22–11% of India's total employment creation. Of this, 4.4 lakh jobs were for those in the age group of 22-25 (new graduates)–13% of India's total.

Notice to Lokayukta police on uploading FIRs on website

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday ordered issue of notice to the State government and the Lokayukta police wing on a PIL petition seeking direction to upload the First Information Reports (FIRs) on the website within 24 hours of registration of FIRs.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi passed the order on the petition filed by Umapathi S., a city-based advocate.

Power restored

The petitioner has pointed out that the power to probe cases under the Prevention of Corruption Act was restored to the Lokayukta police after the High Court in August this year quashed the constitution of the Anti-Corruption Bureau.

It has been stated in the petition that he had given a representation to the head of the Lokayukta police about a month ago on mandate of the Supreme Court to all the investigating agencies to upload FIRs, and also the direction issued by the High Court to the Anti-Corruption Bureau to upload the FIRs.

Chikmagalur Urban Development Authority
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No.: UDAC/A.B.V.R.L./Electrical/01/2022-23 Date: 17.10.2022

e-Procurement Short-Term Tender Notice

Short-Term Tender in two cover system is invited from electrical contractors of eligible class for implementation of the below mentioned work.

Sl. No. 1. Details of Work: UDD/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 1767 **Approx. Amount (Rs. In lakhs):** 63.01 **E.M.D. (in Rs.):** 1,10,640/-

Cost of Tender Form – As per e-procurement,Time Period–03 Months (Excluding Rainy Season)

1. Date of Tender Pre-Bid Meeting: 21.10.2022 at 16.00 hrs. Place: Office of The Commissioner, Urban Development Authority, Chikkamagaluru. 2. Last date for submission of Tender in e-procurement: 25.10.2022 up to 17.30 Hrs. 3. Date of opening Technical Bid in e-procurement: 27.10.2022 at 11.00 Hrs. 4. Date of opening Financial Bid in e-procurement: 31.10.2022 at 11.00 Hrs.

Further details can be obtained during working hours of this office and from https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- (Anand.C) Chairman
Chikamagalur Urban Development Authority
Chikkamagaluru.

Sd/- (Krisnamurthy.R K.M.A.S) Commissioner
Chikamagalur Urban Development Authority
Chikkamagaluru.

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INBRIEF

AIADMK MLAs evicted from T.N. Assembly

AIADMK members, including Leader of the Opposition Edappadi K. Palaniswami, were evicted from the Assembly on Tuesday on the direction of Speaker M. Appavu after they attempted to stage a dharna near the Chair.

In a release later, the AIADMK said Mr. Palaniswami would lead a daylong fast on Wednesday near the Valluvar Kottam in Chennai to protest against, what it called, the murder of democracy in the Assembly.

Heavy rain lashes Kerala, yellow alert in 9 districts

Heavy rain triggered by cyclonic circulations over the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea lashed Kerala on Tuesday, especially southern Kerala and the ghat regions. A weather bulletin issued by the IMD declared yellow alert in nine districts except in Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Wayanad, Kannur and Kasaragod.

Kerala CM, Ministers hit out at Governor for 'sack threat'

Two Ministers accuse Arif Mohammed Khan of destabilising the higher education sector in the State; Pinarayi Vijayan says it is Chief Minister's prerogative to change members of the Cabinet

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan's "threat" to sack Ministers did little to deter them as Higher Education Minister R. Bindu and Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal on Tuesday aimed barbs at him by obliquely accusing him of destabilising the higher education sector.

Speaking at the launch of various infrastructure projects on the Kerala University's Karyavattom campus, Dr. Bindu blamed various quarters for turning higher education institutions into centres of controversies. While certain people with vested agenda were behind such attempts, the government was resolved to proceed with its efforts to reform the sector.

Strong view: Kerala Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal and, right, Higher Education Minister R. Bindu. FILE PHOTOS

Mr. Balagopal too accused certain groups of harbouring wrong notions about the universities in the State. "Some people who are accustomed to the practices in places such as Uttar Pradesh might not be able to understand the democratic nature in which universities function in Kerala," he said while claiming Vice-Chancellors in universities, including Banaras Hindu University, required protection by armed security personnel.

CM's view

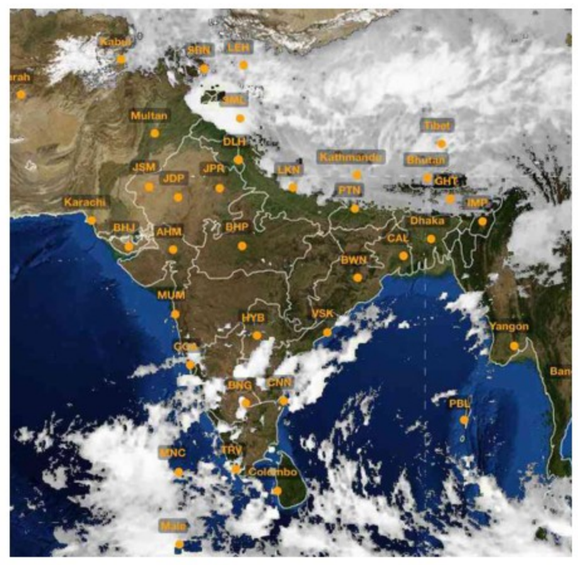
Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday waded into the government's ongoing dispute with Mr. Khan over the limitations of gubernatorial power, including Raj Bhavan's perceived right to remove Ministers from their posts.

Mr. Vijayan responded sharply to Mr. Khan's controversial tweet that the latter would remove Ministers from their posts if they lowered the dignity of his office. Mr. Vijayan said the Constitution laid down the Governor's functions, duties and limitations.

He said the gubernatorial office was bound by the advice and assistance of the Chief Minister regarding the appointment and dismissal of Ministers. B.R. Ambedkar had clarified that the Governor had limited latitude in the matter. The Supreme Court had asserted that the Governor was bound by the Cabinet's counsel in affairs of the State. It is the Chief Minister's prerogative to appoint or dismiss Ministers, not the Governor's, the Chief Minister said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Rayalaseema, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.3	24.0	Kozhikode	52	31.4	24.3
Ahmedabad	—	35.5	20.0	Kurnool	18	33.8	24.1
Aizawl	49	—	18.9	Lucknow	—	32.2	21.0
Allahabad	—	32.8	20.1	Madurai	0.5	35.0	23.4
Bengaluru	0.3	28.5	20.6	Mangaluru	3.2	30.0	24.1
Bhopal	—	31.0	19.8	Mumbai	0.8	32.3	26.0
Bhubaneswar	—	33.0	23.2	Mysuru	—	31.0	20.4
Chandigarh	—	32.6	19.0	New Delhi	—	33.1	17.5
Chennai	—	33.3	26.5	Patna	—	31.8	21.4
Coimbatore	0.3	33.0	22.4	Port Blair	31	29.8	24.0
Dehradun	—	29.3	17.8	Puducherry	—	34.2	23.7
Gangtok	—	20.9	12.9	Pune	104.6	30.8	19.7
Goa	—	32.4	24.1	Raipur	13	31.4	22.3
Guwahati	—	33.2	22.9	Ranchi	0.8	25.3	21.6
Hubballi	—	28.0	21.0	Shillong	2	23.8	15.4
Hyderabad	—	32.6	20.5	Shimla	—	19.9	11.3
Imphal	—	29.2	18.1	Srinagar	0.6	26.9	8.7
Jaipur	—	33.0	20.3	Thiruvananthapuram	108	27.4	22.9
Kochi	15	29.8	24.3	Tiruchi	—	33.9	24.6
Kohima	—	26.2	16.2	Vijayawada	0.8	33.0	24.8
Kolkata	—	32.6	25.2	Visakhapatnam	—	33.8	26.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	..	129	.77	77	—	
Bengaluru	7	18	.52	103	81	
Chennai	4	26	112	78	72	
Delhi	.27	153	.47	289	438	
Hyderabad	.10	2	128	36	45	
Kolkata	.16	.46	.29	123	106	
Lucknow	.19	.58	.55	166	154	
Mumbai	.15	134	.43	70	170	
Pune	7	.11	108	32	31	
Visakhapatnam	.29	.48	.35	94	123	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 298 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Satna, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 15

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Japan seeks GI tag for nihonshu, an alcoholic beverage

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The Embassy of Japan, New Delhi, has filed an application seeking Geographical Indication (GI) tag for nihonshu/Japanese sake, an alcoholic beverage.

It is learnt that this is the first time a product from Japan has filed for a tag at the Geographical Indication Registry in Chennai.

According to details provided in the filing, in Japan, nihonshu is regarded as a special and valuable beverage made from fermenting rice. People traditionally drink nihonshu on special occasions, such as festivals, weddings or funerals, but it is also consumed on a daily basis. Thus, it is an integral part of the lifestyle and culture in Japan. The sake market (almost all are nihonshu) is the second largest brewed liquor (such as beer) market in Japan.

For making nihonshu three main raw materials - rice, *koji-kin* (a type of fungal spore) and water - are required. The production of nihonshu follows an alcoholic fermentation method called parallel multiple fermentation and involves raw material treatment, *koji* making, starter culture making, mash making, pressing, heat sterilisation and bottling. The rice and *koji* used should originate in Japan.

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The Embassy of Japan, in the filing, also mentioned that in the past, the economy of Japan was based around rice, which was used as a sort of quasi-money before the establishment of a monetary economy in the Meiji period (1869-1912). As a result, nihonshu production was thoroughly under the government's control. As nihonshu's production became more industrialised in the Edo period (1603-1868), those who had special licences began hiring many farmers in the agricultural off-season. They gradually won a reputation as craftsmen, which resulted in the establishment of the hierarchical *Toii* system (*Toii* is the person responsible for sake brewing), likened to an apprenticeship or guild system.

Whose pleasure?

The Constitution has no provision for a Governor to sack Ministers

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan's indirect threat that he can independently dismiss Ministers is neither in keeping with the dignity of his office nor in line with the Constitution. His claim that "statements of individual ministers that lower the dignity of the Governor's office can invite action including withdrawal of pleasure" has no basis in the constitutional system. Article 164 of the Constitution, which says the Chief Minister shall be appointed by the Governor and other Ministers shall be appointed by the Governor on the Chief Minister's advice, adds that "the Ministers shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor". There have been instances of Governors dismissing Chief Ministers, but those were related to constitutional situations in which the legislative majority of the incumbent ministry was in doubt. It is also now judicially determined that the question of majority can be answered only on the floor of the legislature through a confidence vote. Nothing in the Article means that the Governor may independently dismiss a Minister. The pleasure doctrine exists only in a constitutional sense, and is exercised by the Governor only on the advice of the Chief Minister. In other words, the term 'pleasure of the Governor' is used as a euphemism to refer to the Chief Minister's power to drop a Minister from the Council of Ministers.

The context for this particular confrontation appears to be the Governor's reluctance to grant assent to the Kerala University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022. Higher Education Minister R. Bindu's remark that the Governor should return the Bill for reconsideration instead of withholding his approval indefinitely was a possible trigger for his comment. While Governors may differ with the contents of a Bill and may exercise the available constitutional options, they should not use their powers to stall legislation unpalatable to them. In the realm of university laws, Governors, being Chancellors of most universities, the scope for friction is quite high. It should be remembered that the office of Chancellor is created by the statute that establishes a university, and the legislature is equally competent to curtail the Chancellor's powers or even abolish the system of having the Governor as Chancellor. Even the M.M. Punchhi Commission, which reviewed Centre-State relations, recommended that Governors should not be burdened with the role of Chancellors. It is time to implement this principle. Governors seem to have an exaggerated notion of their own roles under the Constitution. They are expected to defend the Constitution and may use their powers to caution elected regimes against violating the Constitution, but this does not mean that they can use the absence of a time-frame for decision-making and the discretionary space given to them to function as a parallel power centre.

Hill race

The BJP and the Congress face different challenges in Himachal Pradesh

As Himachal Pradesh prepares for the Assembly election on November 12, the stage looks set for yet another bipolar contest between the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Congress. The initial euphoria in the hill State after the entry of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), following its emphatic win in neighbouring Punjab, is fizzling out. In the past three decades, Himachal has seen a bipolar electoral system, with the Congress and the BJP alternately forming the government every five years. The upcoming battle does not seem any different, though the entry of AAP has added a tinge of a new flavour to the election fare. While the ruling BJP is harping on its 'development' works in the past four years to retain power, rising corruption, inflation, unemployment, demand for an old pension scheme for government employees, and poor facilities in the health and education sectors are key issues being raised by the Opposition, including the Congress and AAP. The BJP is focusing on 'mission repeat' and steering its campaign on a 'double engine' plank around the 'development' works done by the Centre and the State government. The BJP's blistering campaign is being led by the central leadership. In the past few months, its prominent leaders including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and party president J.P. Nadda, who hails from Himachal Pradesh, have addressed several rallies.

The electioneering for the Congress party, which is fighting to wrest power from the BJP, has been largely steered by the State leadership, though last week, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra addressed the first election rally. The Congress is harping on the 'anti-incumbency' factor against the BJP, but the going is not smooth. In the absence of its tallest leader and six-time Chief Minister, the late Virbhadra Singh, there seems to be a 'vacuum' in the State leadership, even though his wife Pratibha Singh was given the reins of the party; the appeal and political acumen of the former Chief Minister seem difficult to replace. In the absence of a strong State leadership, factionalism has been coming to the fore time and again. This has led to several senior leaders including sitting MLAs quitting party posts. The problem of there being several claimants for the post of Chief Minister is another concern. While the BJP appears geared to tackle the headwinds, the Congress seems ill-prepared to convert the resentment against the ruling party into a sentiment in its favour.

Examining the case for a Congress family reunion

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Among the political recipes offered for the revival of the Congress party is an imaginative proposal that entails the reunion of the erstwhile Congress Parivar. Not long after the Congress lost power in 2014, Congress leaders Digvijay Singh and Ajit Jogi pitched for breakaway parties such as the Yuvajana Shramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP), the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) to "come together to fight communal forces" in defence of "Nehruvian and Gandhian thought".

In the absence of a formidable national Opposition, the desire for the establishment of a federal Congress Front has only gained ground, at least among the commentariat.

There are, of course, historical precedents of Opposition parties locked in lopsided competition with a dominant party, trading a portion of their autonomy to facilitate a joint bid for national power, examples being the Janata Party of 1975 and the Janata Dal of 1988.

In fact, a larger Congress union would comparatively stand on firmer ideological ground than the preceding ragtag Janata collections. There is arguably little ideological separation between the Congress and its splinter parties – having a broadly centrist, secular platform and relying on an umbrella coalition of voters.

Restoring the CWC's role

However, the dream of a Congress family reunion begins to fade away on exploring its possible terms. One intractable problem is the size differential of the constituents; the Indian National Congress is many times bigger than the breakaway parties. The Janata parties could coalesce together because they were roughly equivalent in size and spread, thus precluding the possibility of a domination of one faction.

Theoretically, there is a way out, which is going back to the pre-Indira Congress. The Congress was once a party where the high command was synonymous not with the Nehru-Gandhi family (and its surrounding coterie) but with the Congress Working Committee (CWC), which functioned according to its stated role of being the highest decision-making body of the party. The CWC, in turn, was dominated by regional bosses, who drew their power from their hold on their respective State units. Admittedly, while Jawaharlal Nehru was a colossus within the party, decision-making in the CWC was generally sought to be made by consensus. That is the kind of federal, internally democratic Congress that can hypothetically entice the likes of Mamata Banerjee, Sharad Pawar or Jaganmohan Reddy to return to the party fold and try staking a claim to national leadership. However, the nature of our political competition has fundamentally changed in the half century since the heyday of the "Congress system". Would such a federal Congress even remain viable as a party today?

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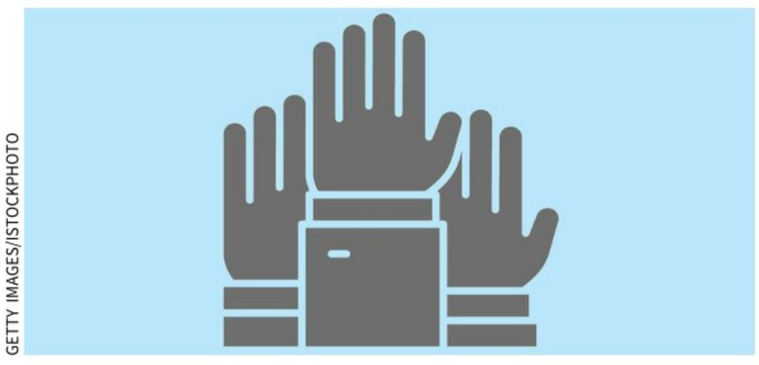

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Autonomy of State units

There is no easy answer to this question. This is because a centrist political party in a diverse country such as India would always face a hard-to-resolve paradox: how to allow autonomy to State units while ensuring that the State units do not split from the parent party.

A centrist party has an inherent propensity to split owing to the absence of a core, ideological base which is immutably tied to the party brand. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), for example, has seen no lasting split as no breakaway unit can hope to compete with the BJP-Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh combine on the ideology of Hindutva. In contrast, the Congress has historically worked on the principle of minimising ideological distance with its primary rivals, co-opting both right-wing and left-wing leaders of opposing parties at different times. The Congress rarely set much store by ideological distinctiveness, because its social base has always been dependent more on leadership and organisation. Different caste combinations and interest groups dominated the Congress in different States; thus political scientists Chhibber and Petrocik (1989) described the Congress as a "coalition of state units" joined together in the pursuit of power. Despite their largely autonomous existence, the State units stayed with the national party throughout the "Congress system" phase because the Congress government at the centre controlled the big taps of patronage funnelled through party structures; there was inbuilt factionalism ensuring that few leaders were capable of commanding the loyalty of the majority of the State unit.

Indira Gandhi disturbed both these glues of party unity through her policy of "de-institutionalisation" of the party: disembowelling local and even State-level party structures. Unsurprisingly, the Congress suffered numerous splits, but these were often neutralised or forced into a brisk homecoming. This was because of the populist, charismatic appeal Mrs Gandhi managed to exert over the lower orders of the society, which had hitherto been excluded from the largely dominant castes-based architecture of the "Congress system". Thus, the answer of Mrs Gandhi to the problem of keeping the umbrella party together was complete centralised control of the State units.

Splits, reasons

So, what holds the party together now? It is not the patronage provided by the central government, since the party has been out of power for close to a decade. It is also not quite the gruelling factional competition that marked the State units in the 1950-60s. Over the last three decades, State factions have tended to consolidate into bigger units under various pressures: the de-institutionalisation of party structures, financial devolution and the bourgeoning patronage powers of the Chief Minister, and the increasingly presidential nature of State elections. As far as the national glue provided by the leadership is concerned, both Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi have struggled to bring additional votes to the party.

In the absence of these centripetal forces, the Congress has suffered major and lasting splits in the form of the NCP, the TMC and the YSRCP. The reason Sharad Pawar merged his breakaway Congress (S) in the 1980s was because the Congress still happened to be the dominant party at the centre. The NCP has faced no such constraints to its bargaining power. And the ease with which Mamata Banerjee was able to walk away with the bulk of the Congress base in Bengal highlighted the decay in factional competition. The three other Congress factions (led by Pranab Mukherjee, Priyaranjan Dasmunsi, and Somen Mitra) were focused primarily on court intrigues. The YSRCP split reflected the challenge of preserving party loyalty from being subsumed into the political capital of dynastic chieftains, who can now skilfully bypass traditional party structures and directly connect to beneficiaries of lavishly funded welfare schemes with the help of a technocratic bureaucracy.

A federal Congress would probably help induce much needed inner-party competition, but it might also supercharge its intrinsic tendency to split. The Congress holds on so tightly to the Gandhi family brand because it appears to be the last available glue. The interesting thing about the myth of the Gandhi family embodying the eternal DNA of the party is not the veracity or falsifiability of its proposition. Like all myths, that is beside the point. The myth works to keep the party together because everyone claims to believe in it. In the absence of a high command whose authority is respected and based on some values higher than partisan jockeying, the risk is that the Congress might implode into disjointed State parties before it even gets the chance to build back the organisational framework required for a stable federal party. That is the precarious centrist paradox the Congress finds itself in, presenting no easy recipes for revival.

The dire need to talk about 1962

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"Failure is a great teacher" is a truism. Subsequent discussion on this quote leads one through the 'enlightenment' that accrues to those who engage in an honest, open and no-holds-barred conversation on what went wrong; they learn from the misadventure and come out stronger. "Events that have brought joy or an accomplishment that has enriched an individual or a group are readily remembered, celebrated and commemorated publicly. But a synonym for commemoration is 'observe'. Hence, we as a nation commemorated the golden jubilee of the 1965 India-Pakistan war, while the celebration of the golden jubilee of the 1971 war, that saw the birth of Bangladesh, was commemorated with pan-India seminars, symposia, discussions, television debates and exhibitions. Yet, with just a day before the 60th observance of a dark moment in the history of our young nation, the 1962 India-China war (it began on October 20), there is no indication of its observance in which India lost so many of its brave men – (as in one report) 1,383 soldiers killed, 1,047 wounded, 1,696 missing and over 400 prisoners of war with the Chinese.

The main issues

Let us pause for a moment in tribute to those brave sons; but, thereafter, let us discuss what went so terribly wrong. Did those Indians die in vain? Were there any bright sparks in those 30 days (October 20 - November 20, 1962) which can give us solace? So, let the discourse be about five issues that I can distill from various accounts about the war.

First, is the international standing of the national leadership in world fora any index to the 'power' of a nation? Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, the builder of modern India, was a champion too in the eyes of the newly independent countries in Asia and Africa and was feted by the West. But misguided optimism in the ephemeral 'moral' superiority and peaceful intentions of the Chinese leadership resulted in an enfeebled Indian Army that was ill-prepared and ill-equipped to face the realities of hard power.

> Even as the nation rejoices in India's battle victories that came later, there is a need to know the truth behind a dark period in war history

Second, an underestimation of the strength of the Indian Air Force (IAF) resulted in its offensive fleet not being used; all writings indicate that the use of fighter aircraft would have been a game changer especially since the Chinese air force was severely operationally handicapped due the high altitude of the airfields from which its aircraft would have had to operate.

A lop-sided equation

Third, the lop-sided power equation between the political, bureaucratic and military top brass was responsible for many ills as there was micro-management of events from the top – why was it that the Army top brass was not strong enough to stand up to the political interference in affairs that were purely military?

Fourth, what lessons can be drawn from the stellar performance of the Indian jawan on the front? The stories of Major Shaitan Singh and many others are legendary. But what is not talked about is the unheralded, unsung and back-breaking work put in by the transport and helicopter aircrew of the IAF. They flew troops and equipment round the clock, into primitive advanced landing grounds and helipads and brought back casualties with aircraft such as the Mi-4 helicopters and Otter light transporters overloaded beyond one's wildest imagination. To give the hard-worked pilots some rest, young fighter aircrew flew as co-pilots; they were handed over controls after take-off while the captains got some sleep till just before landing.

And last, while the frontline war fighter lived up to his credo, why did senior military leadership in the field wilt when asked to deliver what was expected of their rank and position?

Begin the review

This article has been written in hindsight. This advantage needs to be channelised into knowledge and wisdom that should be imparted to young field grade and mid-level officers, both civil and military. But there is an appeal. Can the politicians join in too, for it is their leadership that modulates events that follow years and decades later? So, it can start with the Government opening up documents that are still classified, which includes the Henderson Brooks-Bhagat report. The war colleges of the three services, the Defence Services Staff College (Wellington, Tamil Nadu) and the National Defence College (Delhi), need to delve into what transpired during that fateful period. The media too should debate this. This is the least we can do to honour those brave Indians and to observe the 60th year of an event that is a black spot on our collective conscience. And, even as the nation rejoices in India's victories that came after that dark period, the young in this great nation must know the truth about the 1962 war. It is a part of our history. Let us talk about 1962.

The views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ominous

The Kerala Governor's warning that he has powers to remove any Minister criticising him has dangerous overtones not only for Kerala but for other States as well. The public has not forgotten the Delhi Lieutenant-Governor's confrontation with Aam Aadmi Party Ministers and the West Bengal's Governor's spats with the Trinamool Congress. It is time the powers of Governors are revisited, reviewed and redefined and the Governor's post made an 'overseeing one'.

A.V. Narayanan
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

The Kerala Governor appears to be posing a threat to every democratic principle in the Constitution. His statement is aggressive. The role of a Governor is well defined with limits defined to his functions that are in consonance with the federal spirit of the Constitution. The Governor seems to be functioning as a nominal head of the government and encroaching upon the exclusive domain of an elected State government. He seems to be acting as a super Chief Minister. The role of the Governor is not to topple a democratically elected government but to assist and advise it so that it achieves its welfare objectives in a constructive way.

Apoorva Panakkal,
Kattakampal, Thrissur, Kerala

We have witnessed Governors in non-BJP ruled States acting according to their master's voice and trying to be more Catholic than the Pope to demonstrate their loyalty to the ruling dispensation. The verbal accusations would not have surfaced had the Governor performed the duties entrusted to him. The statement made by him demeans the gubernatorial position held by him.

Tharcius S. Fernando,
Chennai

Unacceptable

It is unfortunate that even today there are men who are unable to digest a 'no' from a girl, in turn taking it as his insult and plotting revenge that is taking on disturbing forms such as inflicting grievous bodily harm and assault and even murder (Editorial, October 18). The incident in Chennai has been chilling. What kind of society is this? Why are girls being seen as an object of lust? It is high time that women become strong enough to make it clear that they are equal and society respects their choices.

Maya Hemant Bhatkar,
Mumbai

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Hindus are not kafirs, Muslims are not jihadis

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A serious debate over the word *kafir* started in India after Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat objected to its use against Hindus, during a recent meeting with five Muslim intellectuals. Such a demand for the term's theological renunciation was made earlier too. In 2009, the Dharm Raksha Manch, affiliated to the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP), wrote to 13 Muslim organisations asking them to issue a fatwa that Hindus are not *kafirs* and therefore 'jihad' against them is not justified by Islam. On the face of it, such demands are not unreasonable because Hindus (or non-Muslims in general) are not *kafirs* from an Islamic perspective. But asking Muslims to stop using this term, or seeking its ban, does not make sense because there is no evidence that even a small section of Indian Muslims contemptuously refer to Hindus as *kafirs*.

A tolerant policy

Historically, it was Muslim imperialists who, in collaboration with conniving theologians, wielded the tag *kafir* as a religio-legal weapon to politically subjugate both Muslims and non-Muslims. But in India the Muslim rule was pragmatic. It did not try to establish a theocratic state and was accommodative of Hindu communities despite the anti-Hindu polemics of influential religious zealots. For instance, Ziauddin Barani (1285-1358), in *Fataawa-e-Jahandaari*, which contains norms of Islamic governance addressed to the rulers of the Delhi Sultanate, tells the sultans to uproot infidels, polytheists, and heretics (that is, Hindus) "if you want not to be ashamed before God and the Prophet." During the Mughal period, Abdul Qadir Badauni (1540-1615) published *Muntakhab-ut-Tawarikh* to counter Emperor Akbar's inclusive programme of *sulh-e-kul* (universal peace), which considered all citizens as possible allies of the state irrespective of their caste or religion.

Nonetheless, the fact remains that both the Delhi Sultanate and Mughal empire mostly disregarded the anti-Hindu tirades. In *The Muslim Question: Understanding Islam and Indian History*, Raziuddin Aquil reveals that the preponderant Hanafi position of the ulama enabled medieval Muslim rulers to legally justify and put in practice a tolerant policy towards Hindus. This liberalism was also nourished by a genre of religious ethics called the *akhlaaq* literature authored by open-minded scholars such as Nasiruddin Tusi and Nuruddin Qazi. Qazi, like Tusi, believed that in matters of governance it is justice (*adl*), not infidelity (*kufr*) or religion (*deen*) that matters. For him, a just non-Muslim ruler would serve society better than an unjust Muslim king.

By the end of the Mughal period, *kafir* had acquired new aesthetic meanings in romantic Urdu poetry. Mirza Ghalib used it in the sense of "beloved" here: *Mohabbat mein nahin hai farq jeene aur marne ka / Usi ko dekh kar jeete hain jis kafir pe dam nikle* (In love there is no difference between living and dying/The very beloved I die for inspires me to live). In another poetic dyad, Dagh Dehlvi uses the term *kafir jawaani* to describe the "full-blown" and "captivating" juvenescence of his beloved.

The Quranic kafir

The word *kafir* has its terminological origin in the Quran. It is derived from *kufr*, which means to conceal, to reject, to be ungrateful, or to deny. An analysis of verses 3:70-71, 21:30 and 14:32-34 shows that the words used for "concealing the truth", "refusal to see reason" and "ingratitude" – *takfuroona*, *kafaru* and *kaffaar*, respectively – draw critical attention to people's dismissive attitude towards rationalism and universal values such as intellectual honesty and gratitude. This categorically rules out the possibility of rendering *kufr* as "disbelief in Islam", and *kafir* as "non-Muslim".

The Quran, through its suasive verses, demands nothing more than the voluntary recognition of its constructive message to humanity on the basis of the evidence it offers. The significance of this approach is that "Muslims" who agree with the Quran do not have the right to impose Islam on the "*kafirs*" who refuse to accept the Quranic argumentation. Even the Prophet was told that his mandate was limited to proclaiming the divine message (42:48). In fact, several hadiths attributed to the Prophet in *Kitab al Adab* of Bukhari warn Muslims against calling anyone a *kafir*.

Then who are the *kafirs* against whom war was permitted by the Quran during the Prophet's lifetime? Assuredly they are not non-Muslims in general but the despotic oligarchs who drove the Prophet and his followers out of Mecca, broke off their treaties with Muslims, and attacked them first (22:39-40, 2:190 and 9:13).

It is unfortunate that post-Prophetic Muslim dynasties dogmatised a distorted definition of *kufr* after suppressing its original meaning, in the process helping it get endorsed in Islamic legal treatises to the detriment of good relations between Muslims and non-Muslims.

However, as pointed out above, there is no evidence to show that Indian Muslims use *kafir* as a pejorative term for Hindus. Even the aforementioned VHP letter did not make this accusation. It cited only emails released by the 'Indian Mujahideen' quoting Muslim legal texts to justify the terror attacks in Ahmedabad and Delhi.

The onus, nevertheless, is on Muslim theologians to delegitimise the historical misinterpretation of this word and restore its unmalicious Quranic meaning in the interest of interfaith harmony. And Hindutva organisations should ensure that terms such as "jihadis" and "Pakistanis" are not used to demean Indian Muslims.

There is no evidence to show that Indian Muslims use *kafir* as a pejorative term for Hindus

Magnanimity or Machiavellian move?

Realpolitik possibly compelled the BJP to withdraw its candidate in Andheri East

STATE OF PLAY

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A high-stakes build-up to the Andheri East Assembly bypoll in Mumbai ended with an anticlimactic denouement after the ruling BJP withdrew its candidate from the fray at the eleventh hour. This paves the way for Rutuja Latke, the candidate of the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena faction, to be elected unopposed on November 3. Ms. Latke's husband, Ramesh Latke, was a Sena MLA. His demise in May this year necessitated the bypoll.

While stressing that its candidate Murji Patel was a strong contender, senior BJP leaders, including Devendra Fadnavis and State in-charge C.T. Ravi, ascribed their "magnanimous decision" to Maharashtra's "political tradition" of letting a relative of a deceased elected representative contesting a seat be elected unopposed.

A flurry of political activity on October 15 preceded the BJP's decision. Maharashtra Navnirman Sena president Raj Thackeray, known for his closeness to the BJP, appealed to Mr. Fadnavis in a letter to keep up the State's political culture and permit Ms. Latke to be elected unopposed. Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar also called upon the BJP to adhere to tradition.

However, a closer look reveals that realpolitik has ruled supreme in similar circumstances in the recent past.

It is true that the BJP did not field a candidate during the Tasgaon bypoll (in Sangli district) in 2015 against Suman Patil, who was fielded by the NCP after her husband R.R. Patil passed away. Patil was Maharashtra Home Minister

and had held the seat for a record 24 years. The party also did not field a candidate against the Congress' Vishwajit Kadam when he contested the bypoll from Sangli's Palus-Kadegaon in 2018 after the death of his father, Patangrao Kadam. However, in both cases, it suited the BJP to act 'generously' as both constituencies were veritable pocket boroughs of the deceased leaders. Fielding a candidate against the kin of these leaders would have only resulted in an embarrassing defeat for the BJP, while lowering its 'moral graph' in the public's eyes.

Yet, on at least three occasions in the last two years, the BJP had no qualms in fielding candidates against the kin of deceased MLAs when it thought it had a chance of winning the seat. In May 2020, the saffron party pulled off a major upset against the erstwhile Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government during the Pandharpur Assembly bypoll. Samadhan Autade of the BJP defeated Bhagirath Bhalke, the son of late NCP MLA Bharat Bhalke, in a supposedly 'safe seat' of the NCP. The BJP, then in the opposition, had skillfully exploited schisms within the MVA coalition.

But the MVA was better prepared for the next test. The Congress trounced the BJP in the Deglur-Biloli Assembly bypoll (in Nanded district) in October 2021, which had been necessitated by the death of sitting Congress MLA Raosaheb Antapurkar. Then, instead of adhering to "political tradition", the BJP launched a high-decibel campaign to root out the Congress from the segment. However, a well-coordinated campaign led by Congressman Ashok Chavan frustrated the BJP's intentions and Raosaheb's son, Jitesh Antapurkar, emerged victorious.

Again, in April this year, the BJP flexed every sinew to beat the Congress' candidate in the Kolhapur City byelection, which was occasioned by the death of Congress MLA Chandrakant Jadhav. The Congress had fielded Jadhav's wife, Jayshree Jadhav, as the MVA's candidate. The BJP fielded Satyajit Kadam against Ms. Jadhav, using its Hindutva agenda and threats from central agencies in its campaign. But it was compelled to eat humble pie when Ms. Jadhav became the first woman since Independence to win an Assembly seat in Kolhapur City, defeating Mr. Jadhav by a huge margin.

According to observers, one reason the BJP pulled out of the Andheri contest was that it did not wish to take any chances ahead of the critical Mumbai civic body election. "While Murji Patel may be an effective candidate, the BJP's campaigning had made Andheri a 'Gujarati versus Marathi' campaign. So, the party weighed the consequences of a win by the Uddhav camp. Given that the scales were tilted in Ms. Latke's favour, the Thackeray faction would have received a major boost ahead of the BMC poll. The BJP is keen to preclude a Thackeray renaissance and prevent a 'negative narrative' against itself. So, it withdrew its candidate by invoking tradition," said senior political analyst Vivek Bhavsar.

With pandemic blues gone, people are painting the town red

Consumer sentiment has picked up significantly as public mobility has exceeded pre-pandemic levels and unemployment levels have gone down

DATA POINT

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In the first week of September 2020, about 80,000 daily COVID-19 cases were recorded in India on average. A year later, close to 40,000 new cases were recorded daily in the corresponding period. In both these years, the festival season was subdued due to the pandemic and related restrictions. The pandemic disrupted mobility. Even the few who did venture out had low consumer confidence and delayed their big purchases between September and December, the period usually associated with shopping sprees. Also, in 2020 and 2021, the unemployment rate skyrocketed, just months before the beginning of the festival season. This meant the purchasing power of consumers dwindled. This impacted the sale of vehicles. Air travel was also affected due to a combination of restrictions and poor demand. With most offices closed or with employees working from home, the festival season came and went without much fanfare.

In 2022, things have taken a turn for the good. Daily cases have been hovering around the 7,000 mark. And with mobility improving to reach pre-pandemic levels, people are indulging in 'revenge shopping' (splurge shopping that occurs after a frugal spending period) due to pent-up demand. People are also travelling a lot, which is reflected in the number of domestic passengers in the recent months. Moreover, unemployment levels reached the lowest in 45 months.

Chart 1 shows the Google Mobility Index during the pandemic period. This measures visits to various places by keeping the baseline as the five-week period of January 3 to February 6, 2020. A positive value indicates an increase in visits from the baseline period and a negative value indicates a decrease. In 2020, visits to retail and recreation centers, parks and transit stations stayed much below the baseline value. In 2021, while mobility was better, it mostly stayed below the median value. However, in 2022, from the last week of September to the first week of October, park visits ranged between 60% and 80% compared to the baseline. Similarly, visits to retail and recreational purposes went up by 10%-20%.

In September 2022, the CMIE's Consumer Pyramids Household Survey questioned households about their financial condition and their ability to purchase commodities such as furniture, television sets and cars compared to a year earlier. The results were captured as the Consumer Sentiment Index shown in **Chart 2** (base period: September-December 2015 = 100). The score in September 2022 was 80, considerably higher than 54.7 in 2021 and 42 in September 2020. So, consumer sentiment has picked up significantly in 2022.

The number of people travelling by air is also inching towards pre-pandemic levels (Chart 3). More than one crore passengers flew on domestic flights in India in August 2022. Only 28 lakh passengers had taken domestic flights in August 2020. And while the number went up to 65 lakh in 2021, it was still only half the number in August 2019 (1.2 crore).

Data from the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations of India show that after two uninspiring festival seasons, vehicle sales in the 2022 season have exceeded the pre-pandemic levels as shown in **Chart 4**. Between September 26 and October 5 (the Navaratri season), vehicular sales reached almost 5.4 lakh in 2022. The figures were 3.4 lakh and 4.2 lakh in 2021 and 2020, respectively. During this period in 2019, 4.66 lakh vehicles were sold.

Moreover, unemployment in September 2022 was only 6.4%, the lowest in the last 45 months as shown in **Chart 5**.

It's festival time

The charts show the Google Mobility Index, CMIE's Consumer Sentiment Index, data on vehicle sales, the number of people who took domestic flights, and the unemployment rate. Data were sourced from Our World in Data, the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations of India, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and CMIE

Chart 1 | The chart shows the Google Mobility Index which measures visits to various places such as retail and recreation centres, parks, transit stations and workplaces during the pandemic period. The index keeps the baseline as the five-week period of January 3 to February 6, 2020

Chart 2 | The chart shows the consumer sentiment on the current economy based on CMIE's Consumer Sentiment Index

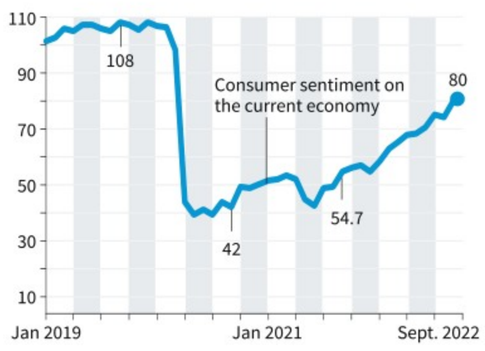


Chart4 | The chart shows two-wheeler sales, passenger vehicle sales, commercial vehicle sales and tractor sales during the Navaratri season between September 26 and October 5. In the 2022 Navaratri season, vehicle sales have exceeded the pre-pandemic levels

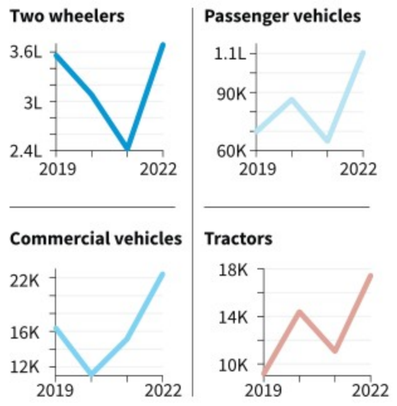


Chart 3 | The chart shows the number of people travelling by domestic flights between January 2019 and August 2022

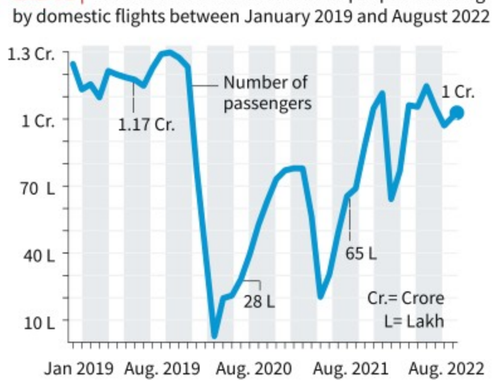
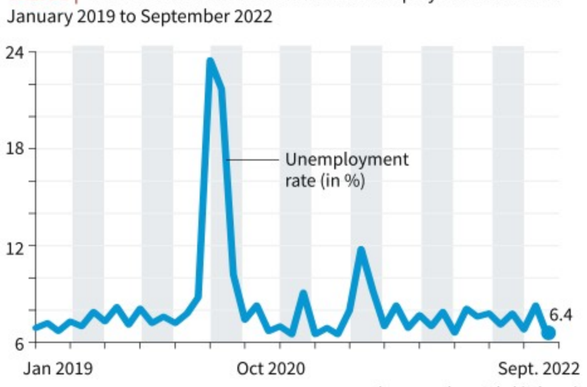


Chart 5 | The chart shows the month-wise unemployment rate from January 2019 to September 2022



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FROM THE ARCHIVES
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FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 19, 1972

IMF chief rules out gold demonetisation

VIENNA Mr. Pierre Paul Schweitzer, Director-General of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), predicted yesterday that there would be no demonetisation of gold or hike in the gold price. Speaking at a press conference here Mr. Schweitzer also ruled out any unilateral move by Western Europe to increase the price of gold as unthinkable. Only a monetary system providing for stable but not fixed parities would be viable. Asked to name an acceptable rate of inflation, Mr. Schweitzer said efforts should be made to return to a three per cent rise yearly. The IMF Director said development aid would not justify the creation of new international liquidities such as the Special Drawing Rights. Liquidities should be created only to meet new needs or because of new economic criteria. Mr. Schweitzer said he was decidedly in favour of a right of co-decision for developing countries in the question of a reform of the international monetary system. He would remain at his post as Director of the IMF until September 1973. "Whether I am re-elected or not is for the executive directors to decide. America's opposition to my re-election is no secret," he said.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO FROM THE ISSUE OF OCTOBER 18, 1922 AS THERE WAS NO ISSUE ON OCTOBER 19

Lord Inchcape

LONDON Lord Inchcape was the guest of honour at dinner at Claridges tonight on the eve of his departure for India. Sir Thomas Holderness presided and a distinguished company including a number of Anglo-Indians was present. Lord Inchcape in a speech recalled his long association with Sir T. Holderness and said they had always thought alike on all economic questions. Lord Inchcape did not like the job of endeavouring to help India's finances by reducing expenditure, but he had been pressed by Lord Peel and Lord Reading and he would endeavour to do what he could. He acknowledged the assistance he had received during the past two months in preparing the ground to work in India and hoped that the labours of himself and his colleagues on the retrenchment committee would result in some reduction of the tax collector's rapacious demands.

From Page One

Step up global efforts to defeat crime, says Modi

Mr. Modi said corruption and financial crimes had harmed the welfare of citizens of many countries. "Such crimes against people in one place are crimes against everyone, crimes against humanity... Police and law enforcement agencies need to devise procedures and protocols to increase cooperation. Interpol can help by speeding up Red Notices for fugitive offenders," he said.

Appreciating the role of police as frontline responders all over the world during the COVID-19 pandemic, he said the Interpol also remained functional round the clock.

Mr. Modi said India had been one of the top contributors in sending soldiers to the United Nations peacekeeping operations. "Thousands of Indians fought and died in the world wars. From climate targets to COVID vaccines, India has shown willingness to take the lead in any kind of crisis," he said.

Jaya death probe panel indicts Sasikala, others

The report went on to claim that U.S. doctor Samin Sharma had convinced the late Chief Minister to agree for an angio, and a U.K.-based expert Richard Beale, had also said he was prepared to take her abroad for treatment, but it did not materialise. It also accuses two doctors of Apollo Hospital who were involved in treating the late Chief Minister through her hospitalisation of 75 days of not acting on the suggestion of surgery.

Notably, the report has recorded several statements by specialists who recommend surgery be performed at the earliest suitable moment, depending on the condition of the patient. In this context, it has also recommended an investigation of Apollo doctors Y.V.C. Reddy and Dr. Babu Abraham.

Against Rama Mohana Rao, the then Chief Secretary, the Commission found "criminality" over him affixing his signature on 21 forms on various dates for the procedural aspects.

False statement

The report trained its guns on Pratap C. Reddy, Chairman of the [Apollo] hospital, "though he is the person bound and authorised to state true facts, with his full knowledge that it was not true, issued a press meet with a false statement that the late CM can be discharged at any time." He issued briefings in his room "often without disclosing the real fact" regarding the heart ailments and the treatment to be given to the late CM. While press conferences were few and far between, the hospital issued regular bulletins to provide to the public brief updates about the then CM's health condition as on that date.

Though the report itself has received extensive documents from the hospital and also recorded the depositions of many hospital staff during the course of its inquiry, all of which are present, the final report claimed that no "contra evidence or documents were put forth before the commission other that stating that the hospital gave the best treatment."

The report also seeks to fly in the face of an official certification of death by qualified medical professionals to introduce doubt as to the correct time of death, going by the version of Deepak, Jayalalithaa's nephew who had no opportunity to meet her in hospital or had any briefing from the hospital. Deepak said he had performed the rites for the first anniversary of her death, considering the time of death as between 3.00 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. on December 4 (a day ahead of what was certified).

After Jayalalithaa's death on December 5, 2016, following a long period of hospitalisation, the AIADMK government constituted the Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry into the circumstances that led to her death. The Commission finally submitted its report to Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on August 27. The AIIMS medical panel constituted to assist the Arumughaswamy Commission with the medical reports earlier submitted its report giving Apollo Hospitals a clean chit in the treatment provided to Jayalalithaa, and concurred with the hospital's final diagnosis.

7 killed as helicopter crashes in Kedarnath

Nine private chopper services ferry pilgrims to Kedarnath from various bases built in Guptkashi, Phata and Sirsi areas in Rudraprayag district. This year, 1.35 lakh pilgrims have taken helicopter services to Kedarnath since the start of the Char Dham Yatra in May 2022.

The Rudraprayag district administration claimed that the helicopter services remained suspended after the accident and due to bad weather on Tuesday.

President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami were among many others who condoled the death of pilgrims.

"Anguished by the helicopter crash in Uttarakhand. In this tragic hour, my thoughts are with the bereaved families," said Mr. Modi.

"The helicopter crash in Kedarnath is extremely unfortunate. We are in touch with the State government to ascertain the magnitude of the loss, and are constantly monitoring the situation," said Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia.

It is the government's job to appoint judges: Law Minister Rijiju

He says SC expanded the meaning of 'consultation' to 'concurrence', adds that there is no mechanism to control the judiciary if it goes astray

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> **KIREN RIJIJU**
> Minister of Law and Justice

Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said that appointing judges is the executive's domain that should be carried out in consultation with the Chief Justice of India (CJI), but the Supreme Court expanded the meaning of "consultation" to "concurrence".

Mr. Rijiju made the remarks on Monday while speaking at *Sabarmati Samvad* organised by *Panchjanya*, a weekly magazine published by the RSS. The Minister said half of the time judges were "preoccupied" with deciding appointments and as a result, their primary job of delivering justice "suffers".

"Till 1993, every judge in India was appointed by the Law Ministry in consultation with the Chief Justice of India. We had very eminent judges at that time," Mr. Rijiju said.

"The Constitution is clear about it. It says that the President of India will appoint judges, which means the Law Ministry will appoint judges in consultation with the Chief Justice of India. The Supreme Court in 1993 defined consultation as concurrence. In no other field has consultation been defined as concurrence but in judicial appointments," he noted, adding that the Collegium system was expanded by the judiciary in 1998.

The Supreme Court Collegium is headed by the CJI and comprises four senior-most judges of the court.

"Nowhere in the world except India is there a practice that judges appoint their brothers as judges," he said.

He noted the process of consultation for the selection of judges is so intense that groupism develops in it. "People can see politics among leaders but they do not know the politics going on inside the judiciary."

Noting that the executive and the legislature are bound and regulated by the judiciary, he said, "But if the judiciary goes astray, there is no mechanism to control it."

'Court cannot issue direction to frame Universal Civil Code'

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Citizens belonging to different religions and denominations follow different property and matrimonial laws which is an "affront to the nation's unity", the government said in the Supreme Court.

Article 44 (Uniform Civil Code) divests religion from social relations and personal law, it maintained.

The preliminary submissions are part of recent affidavits filed by the Union Law Ministry to petitions, which was filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, seeking directions from the top court to the government to remove "anomalies" and frame uniform divorce law and uniform guidelines for adoption and guardianship of children.

The government said the power to make laws is exclusively that of the legislature. The court cannot give a "mandamus to Parliament to make certain laws". "This is a matter of policy for the elected representatives of the people to decide and no direction in this regard can be issued by the court. It is for the legislature to enact or not enact a piece of legislation," the Ministry said. It added Mr. Upadhyay's petition was not maintainable.

The Ministry said it had requested the Law Commission to examine "various issues relating to the Uniform Civil Code (UCC)" and make recommendations considering the sensitivity and in-depth study involved of various personal laws governing different communities. The 21st Law Commission had uploaded a consultation paper titled 'Reform of Family Law subsequently in August 2018.

Elaborating on the common civil code, the government said the Directive Principles of State Policy "creates an obligation upon the state to endeavour to secure for citizens a uniform civil code throughout the country under Article 44 [of the Constitution]".

The Ministry said the purpose of Article 44 was to strengthen the object of the 'Secular Democratic Republic' enshrined in the Preamble of the Constitution.

Agency to probe Rajiv assassination disbanded

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The Union government has wound up the Multi-Disciplinary Monitoring Agency (MDMA) which was constituted about 24 years ago to investigate the larger conspiracy behind the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

The order to disband the MDMA, which was functioning as part of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), was issued in May.

The MDMA was established in 1998 for a period of two years to probe the wider conspiracy behind the assassination by an LTTE suicide bomber at a rally in Tamil Nadu's Sriperumbudur on May 21, 1991. However, it was being given annual extensions.

The unit had sent about two dozen Letters Rogatory to several countries, including Sri Lanka, Malaysia and the U.K., seeking information. Responses to most of the letters had been received. However, there were no significant inputs.

As the MDMA has now been disbanded, the pending Letters Rogatory would be pursued by the CBI.

SC to hear pleas on release on Bilkis case convicts on Nov. 29

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday gave petitioners time to respond to a Gujarat government affidavit which showed that the Special Judge and the CBI in Mumbai opposed the premature release of 11 convicts sentenced to life in the Bilkis Bano gang-rape case while the Centre and Gujarat authorities went ahead to approve the proposal to set them free early. A Bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and C.T. Ravikumar scheduled the next hearing on November 29.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal had sought time to file a reply. The court asked Gujarat and a lawyer appearing for the accused to hand over copies of their counter affidavits to all the lawyers involved in the case. The affidavit filed on Monday by Gujarat revealed that while the Superintendent of Police, CBI, Special Crime Branch, Mumbai and the Special Judge (CBI) of Greater Bombay opposed the premature release, all the authorities in Gujarat and the Home Ministry recommended their release.

"All the prisoners have completed 14 plus years in the prison under life imprisonment and opinions of the authorities concerned have been obtained as per the premature release policy of 1992 and submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs vide letter dated June 28, 2022 and sought the approval of the government of India. The government of India conveyed the concurrence/approval of the Central government under Section 435 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for premature release of 11 prisoners in a letter on July 11," the affidavit said.

Centre went against own guidelines in release of Bilkis Bano case convicts

A stain on govt.: Cong.

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The Congress on Monday said the early release of the 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano case is "a stain on the government that will never wash off".

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi tweeted, "Talk of respect for women from the ramparts of the Red Fort but in reality support for 'rapists'. The difference between the Prime Minister's promises and intentions is clear, PM has only betrayed women." Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi said the decision is "reprehensible, repugnant and revolting" but was taken with an eye on elections.

Months before sanctioning the release of convicted rapists and killers in the Bilkis Bano case of the 2002 Gujarat riots, the Union Home Ministry framed guidelines that 12 categories of convicts, including "prisoners convicted for the offence of rape" are not eligible to be released prematurely under a special remission scheme to commemorate 75 years of Independence.

On June 10, to celebrate the *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav* programme, the Ministry wrote to all the States where it proposed to give special remission to certain categories of prisoners in three phases - August 15, 2022, January 26, 2023 and August 15, 2023 - where the concurrence of the Union government is required. Since prison is a State subject, the Union government's opinion is required in cases where a Central agency such as the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or the National Investigation Agency (NIA) investigated the case. During the first phase, 37 prisoners from across the country were released.

A letter containing the guidelines on the categories of prisoners not to benefit from the amnesty scheme was sent after a similar missive was sent by Home Minister Amit Shah on April 21 to the Chief Ministers of all States.

As per the October 17 affidavit filed by the Gujarat government in the Supreme Court, on June 28, the Home Ministry was asked by the State government for its opinion to release the 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano case who were lodged in the Godhra sub-jail. On July 11, the Ministry replied to the Gujarat government conveying the "concurrence/approval" of the Union government under Section 435 Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) for "premature release" of the 11 prisoners.

The State informed the court that it considered the plea for early release of the 11 prisoners as per the policy of 1992 and remission was granted on August 10. "It is pertinent to note that the remission was not granted under the circular governing grant of remission to prisoners as part of celebration of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*," the affidavit said.

Though the CBI and the CBI court opined that the convicts cannot be released as the crime is "heinous, grave and serious" and the "crime was committed only on the ground that the victims belongs to a particular religion", the Gujarat government released the convicts on account of "good behaviour".

Team Tharoor flags violation of election guidelines

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Ahead of Wednesday's counting of votes in the Congress presidential poll, Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor's team is learnt to have sent complaints to the party's Central Election Authority (CEA) regarding the polling process.

Mr. Tharoor's team, as per sources, has complained, that State incharges were present at polling booths, despite, clear instructions from CEA chief Madhusudan Mistry not to do so and vote in their home States.

Another complaint pertained to not sealing the ballot boxes properly. There were also complaints about the PCC leaders openly instructing the delegates who to vote for.

Significance of the Congress presidential election goes far beyond its internal workings

NEWS ANALYSIS

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Choosing the leader: Madhusudan Mistry shows the empty ballot box before the commencement of voting on Monday. PTI

The process of choosing a new leader for the Conservative Party in Britain and the much-publicised debates between Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak became a template for Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor to argue for a more effective inner party democracy. The context, of course, was the presidential election in the Congress party, where he had a face-off with party veteran Mallikarjun Kharge.

Except for brief spells between 1992 and 1998, when P.V. Narasimha Rao and Sitaram Kesri were at the helm, the party's top post has been occupied by a member of the Nehru-Gandhi family since 1978. In fact, until Monday, there had only been five elections (1939, 1950, 1977, 1977, and 2000) in the nearly 137-year-old history of the Congress.

With Sonia Gandhi becoming the longest serving Congress president and occupying the position for more than two decades, the BJP has often attacked the party for being a "dynastic firm". The contrast became sharper if one considered that no particular lineage could lay such claims to the BJP's top post since its inception. Against this backdrop, the current presidential poll is an important milestone for the Congress.

With no member of the Nehru-Gandhi family being in the fray, the party will get a non-Gandhi president in quarter of a century. And that may marginally help the party change the widely held perception about it, even though there is no doubt that the Gandhi family would be first among equals.

'The chosen one'

But the significance of the Congress presidential election goes far beyond its internal workings.

"The Congress party has shown what internal democracy is and other parties that want to take a lesson from it can do so," Madhusudan Mistry, who heads the party's Central Election Authority told reporters.

While the Left parties hold party congress every three years to elect their collective leadership, other parties can hardly claim to have genuine elections. Much like what has been the norm in the Congress so far, other parties too follow the formality of the procedure to install the "chosen one".

While many of the regional parties, be it the Samajwadi Party, the Rashtriya Janata Dal, the Nationalist Congress Party, the Telangana Rashtra Samithi or the YSR Congress, are tightly controlled family enterprises, the BJP has often taken the cue from its ideological mentor, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, for its leadership.

So, irrespective of the outcome, the Congress presidential poll does two things: one, it puts the onus on its political rival to live up to the standards it expects of others; two, the Congress will be under greater scrutiny to practise what it has preached.

AK-203 assault rifles production likely to begin by end of year

Dinakar Peri
GANDHINAGAR

Alexander Mikheev

The Indo-Russian joint venture at Korwa in Uttar Pradesh will start manufacturing AK-203 assault rifles by 2022 end, according to a senior Russian official.

"The Korwa Ordnance Factory is ready to start manufacturing Kalashnikov AK-203 assault rifles by the end of 2022. Our plans include 100% localisation of the production of assault rifles in India," said Rosoboronexport Director-General Alexander Mikheev. "In the future, the joint venture may increase production and modernise production facilities to manufacture advanced rifles based on the Kalashnikov assault rifle platform."

The production which was originally scheduled to begin early this year has been slightly delayed due to the war in Ukraine. Under an over ₹5,000 crore contract, over 6.1 lakh AK-203 assault rifles will be manufactured in India with technology transfer from Russia.

Rosoboronexport will discuss with the Indian side the production and supply of AK-203 for the armed forces and other law enforcement agencies of the country, Kalashnikov said in a statement. A delegation from Rosoboronexport, a subsidiary of the Rostec State Corporation, is taking part in Defexpo-2022 as a co-founder of Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL), the Indo-Russian joint venture established to produce assault rifles in India.

'We don't believe in hierarchical world'

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh tells African nations that India can partner with them to fulfil their military requirements and contribute to training

Dinakar Peri
GANDHINAGAR

India does not believe in a hierarchical world order where a few countries are considered superior to others, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said, addressing the 2nd India-Africa Defence Dialogue (IADD) at the DefExpo 2022.

He invited African countries to explore Indian defence equipment and technologies, stating that India has emerged as a leading defence exporter in recent years. "We do not believe in making or becoming a client or satellite state, and so, when we partner any nation, it is on the basis of sovereign equality and mutual respect. Forging relations comes naturally to India, as we work towards mutual economic development," he said.

Africa, South East Asia and Middle East have emerged as major focus areas as India looks to emerge as a major global arms exporter.

Sleek chopper: The Light Combat Helicopter on display during the DefExpo 2022 in Gandhinagar. VIJAY SONEJI

Stating that peace, security and development are inter-related, he said security is essential for enabling development in the region. "We have created a robust public and private defence industry. A defence manufacturing ecosystem has been created in India which has the advantage of abundant technical manpower. Our defence industry can work with you to fulfil your defence requirements," Mr. Singh said.

The IADD adopted a 'Gandhinagar declaration' as an outcome document. It proposes to enhance cooperation in the field of training in all areas of mutual interest by increasing training slots and deputation of training teams, empowerment and capability building of the defence forces of Africa, participation in exercises and humanitarian assistance during natural disasters, the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

India offered fellowship for experts from African countries through Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis. Mr. Singh termed India and African countries as important stakeholders in ensuring a safe and secure maritime environment, especially in the Indian Ocean Region while reiterating India's support to Africa to deal with challenges of conflict, terrorism and violent extremism.

Later in the day, Mr. Singh inaugurated Manthan 2022, an event organised by Innovations for Defence Excellence-Defence Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO) of the MoD.

India-U.K. form joint group to enhance defence cooperation

The Hindu Bureau
GANDHINAGAR

Defence industry organisations from India and the U.K. have decided to create a new Defence Industry Joint Working Group (JWG) for more effective cooperation, according to the U.K. High Commission. The inaugural meeting was held on the sidelines of DefExpo 2022 in Gandhinagar on Tuesday. "The JWG is part of an ongoing initiative between the two countries to strengthen the defence and security partnership. The U.K. recently issued its first Open General Export License in the Indo-Pacific region to India, shortening delivery times for defence procurement," the statement said.

DefExpo-2022 has representation from 20 U.K. defence companies. The U.K. industry is already integrating Indian defence suppliers into their global supply chain.

The Royal Air Force (RAF) recently conducted a subject matter expertise exchange with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) during the visit of Eurofighter Typhoon, Voyager and A-400 in New Delhi and also held joint-flying exercises with the Indian Air Force (IAF). "A stronger U.K.-India defence relationship is an essential element of both governments' Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, stated Alex Ellis, British High Commissioner to India.

D. Raja re-elected CPI general secretary

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

D. Raja

The Communist Party of India (CPI) on Tuesday unanimously re-elected senior leader D. Raja as general secretary at the conclusion of the 24th party congress in Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh.

He took over the reins in July 2019, when the then general secretary, Sudhakar Reddy, stepped down due to ill-health.

The 73-year-old Mr. Raja is the first Dalit to occupy the position in a mainstream communist party.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Raja said that he would be moving forward with the twin agenda of rejuvenating the party, and fighting the BJP and RSS propaganda.

"Our primary objective is to defeat the BJP. Lok Sabha elections of 2024 are very crucial and it is imperative that all secular democratic forces, popular movements and the Left parties should come together for this common goal," Mr. Raja said.

He criticised PM Narendra Modi's eight-year tenure. "Mr. Modi has led a disastrous and divisive government that seeks to redefine the constitutional positions, dismantle both secular and welfare state," Mr. Raja said.

HC rejects bail plea of Umar Khalid in Delhi riots case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday rejected the bail petition of former Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) student Umar Khalid arrested in connection with the 2020 Delhi riots case.

"We don't find any merit in the bail plea," the High Court said while dismissing the plea of Mr. Khalid who has been charged under the law UAPA for allegedly being one of the "masterminds" behind the riots.

He was arrested on September 13, 2020. On March 24, a trial court had denied bail to him stating that there were "reasonable grounds" to believe that the accusations against him were *prima facie* true.

MHA officials seek three more months to frame CAA rules

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has sought an extension of another three months to frame the rules of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), 2019, a legislation that fast-tracks the citizenship of undocumented persons of six non-Muslim communities from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

Without the rules being framed, the Act cannot be implemented. It has sought more time from the subordinate committee on parliamentary legislation in both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha to frame the rules, a senior government official told *The Hindu*.

This the sixth extension the Ministry has requested.

The MHA has informed the Rajya Sabha committee that it needs time till December 31 to frame the rules, while it sought time till January 9, 2023, from the Lok Sabha. According to the Manual on Parliamentary Work, in case the Ministries/Departments are not able to frame the rules within the prescribed period of six months after a legislation is passed, "they should seek extension of time from the Committee on Subordinate Legislation".

The CAA was passed by Parliament on December 11, 2019. The Ministry had notified that the Act will come into force from January 2020, but since the rules have not been drafted, it is ineffective so far.

Congress releases first list of 46 candidates for Himachal election

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

The Congress party on Tuesday announced its first list of 46 candidates for the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election.

Former Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee president Kuldeep Singh Rathore will contest from Theog, former State party president Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu from Nadaun, Congress Legislature Party leader Mukesh Agnihotri from Haroli, former Minister Asha Kumari from Dalhousie and former Minister Kaul Singh from Darang, among others.

The election to the 68-member State Assembly is slated for November 12. The last date for the filing of nominations is October 25, while the scrutiny of papers will be held on October 27. The last date for the withdrawal of papers will be October 29. The counting will take place on December 8. The Congress has announced that it will contest in all 68 seats.

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No. 15/Collection/ADGP/Crime and Technical Service/2022-23. Dtd:14.10.2022

e-Tender Notification

Request for Proposal of AMC to 202 Nos of Four Finger Live Scanners which are installed in Police Stations in State. Tender is invited in E-Procurement Portal on **Date: 13.10.2022.** The suppliers who are interested to participate in the E-Tender should be registered in the E-portal of the E-procurement of Karnataka State, Bangalore. A training program is also organized by the E-procurement cell. The EMD shall be paid at the E-procurement Portal. The last date for the submission of E-tenders is **21.10.2022 at 1 7.00 Hrs.**

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Sd/- Additional Director General of Police
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Form of Contract :Lumpsum - Item Rate Contract
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Tender Notice No.14 PBC / 2022-23 / Dt.17.10.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Palar Basin Circle, Chennai-5 invites tender from eligible tenderers for the work of **"Construction of curved training walls (Groynes) in the northern and southern sides of the Cooum River mouth and its allied works"** at his office for upto **3.00 P.M** on **23.11.2022** in sealed covers. The tenders will be opened at **3.30 P.M** at his chamber on the same day.

Other information such as name of work, details of Work, Value, EMD, Cost of tender schedule, etc., will be available in the Government website **"www.tenders.tn.gov.in"**. Any Corrections or Modifications will be published on website only.

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Inviting for Bids No: RSTDSP/OCB/NTL/31

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2. Bid document would be available at e proc website **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** starting from**12th October, 2022.** Deadline for bid submission is **15:00 hours on 16th November, 2022.**
3. Pre-bid meeting will be held at **16:00 hours on 20th October, 2022.** All theprospective bidders are advised to participate in the pre-bid meeting.
4. Any addendum, clarification to the bidder's queries and corrigendum etc, will be published on the e-proc web sites and will not be published in newspapers
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Date: 18-10-2022 — **General Manager (RE & IPP)**

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The last date for receipt of applications for engaging Internal Auditor purely on contract basis in School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada has been extended upto 28.10.2022. All other terms and conditions of our earlier Advertisement dated 26.09.2022 remains unaltered. For further details please visit our website **www.spav.ac.in**

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SL No.	Name of the work
1	Provision of Interlocking arrangements (3nos) at manned LCs to ensure safety to road VPT-TSI section (LC No.423, 442 & 450)
2	Provision of Interlocking arrangements (4nos) at manned LCs bet MDU-DG-TPJ section (LC No.257, 264, 323 & 324)
3	Provision of Interlocking arrangements at TPJ-RMM section (LC No.389, 481, 495 & 500).

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer,
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निविदा सूचना संख्या 059/आईआईए/सिविल/वीबीओ/कवलूर/2022-23 दिनांक 19 अक्तूबर 2022
Renovation works at Lab-B Building, Vainu Bappu Observatory (VBO), IIA, Kavalur, Tirupattur District, Tamil Nadu.
Tender Notice No.059/IIA/CIVIL/VBO/KAVALUR/2022-23 dated 19th October 2022
2. आईआईए, II ब्लॉक, कोरमंगला, बेंगलुरु के कैंटीन का नवीनीकरण-कार्य।
निविदा सूचना संख्या 60/आईआईए/सिविल/बेंगलूर/कैंटीन/2022-23 दिनांक 19 अक्तूबर 2022
Renovation of Canteen at IIA, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560034.
Tender Notice No.60/IIA/CIVIL/BNG/CANTEEN/2022-23 dated 19th October 2022

विस्तृत निविदा दस्तावेज को संस्थान की वेबसाइट **www.iiap.res.in/tenders.htm.** से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। उपरोक्त बोलियां प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तारीख नवंबर 21, 2022 को या उससे पहले 15:00 बजे तक है।

Detailed Tender Documents can be downloaded from Institute's Website **www.iiap.res.in/tenders.htm**. Last date for receipt of the above bids are on or before **21st November 2022 at 15:00 hours.**

प्रशासनिक अधिकारी
Administrative Officer

INBRIEF

Centre increases minimum support price for rabi crops

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs announced an increase of 2% to 9% in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for six mandated rabi crops for this season. The sowing of the six crops has started. Farmers' organisations, which have been alleging that the Centre is delaying the announcement of the MSP, said, by keeping the MSP of wheat low and announcing a paltry hike, the Centre is helping big corporate houses in the sector to make quick money. They said farmers will be forced to sell their produce to private traders like last year as the MSP is low. For wheat, the MSP is ₹2,125 for a quintal. Last year, the price was ₹2,015 and the increase this year ₹110.

Two labourers from U.P. killed in grenade attack in J&K

Two migrant labourers were killed after terrorists hurled a grenade at them in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir in the early hours of Tuesday, police said. A local "hybrid terrorist" of proscribed outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba was arrested for the attack during a search and cordon operation, they said. The attack comes within three days of a Kashmiri Pandit, a farmer, being shot dead by militants in Shopian. "Hybrid terrorists" are unlisted radicalised people who carry out terror strikes and slip back into their routine lives often without leaving any trace. The arrested terrorist was identified as Imran Bashir Ganie from Harmen, ADGP Vijay Kumar said.

Gyanvapi case: HC fines ASI for delayed affidavit

The Allahabad High Court imposed a cost of ₹10,000 on the Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for failing to submit a personal affidavit within the deadline in a matter relating to the Gyanvapi mosque survey. The ASI has been given 10 days time to file the affidavit in the court. The court was dealing with a case in which the Varanasi district court had directed the ASI to conduct a physical survey at the Kashi Vishwanath temple-Gyanvapi mosque complex to determine whether a Hindu temple had been partially razed to build the Gyanvapi mosque in the 17th century. The ASI's counsel said that the delay had occurred due to a medical emergency faced by the Director General.

PM to lay foundation for mega projects in Gujarat

With the announcement of the Gujarat Assembly election around the corner, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the poll-bound State to dedicate and lay the foundation stones of several projects worth an estimated ₹15,670 crore on Wednesday and Thursday. Rajkot, where Mr. Modi will also inaugurate the India Urban Housing Conclave, will see the laying of foundation stones of projects worth around ₹5,860 crore, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement. Mr. Modi will also lay the foundation stone of the six-laning of the existing four lane Rajkot-Gondal-Jetpur section of NH-27.

Railways announces the closure of COFMOW

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

The Ministry of Railways on Tuesday announced the closure of the Central Organisation for Modernisation of Workshops (COFMOW), New Delhi, with effect from December 1, 2022.

Keeping in line with the recommendations of the Principal Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance, on the rationalisation of government bodies, the Railway Board confirmed the winding up of the four-decade old organisation that contributed significantly towards the modernisation of workshops across the railway network, sources in the Railways said.

With the announcement on the closure, COFMOW was barred from floating or opening tenders with immediate effect. All sanctioned works against which tenders have not been finalised yet, or awarded, will be transferred to the respective Zonal Railways or Production Unit. All non-gazetted posts would be surrendered and the staff released/repatriated/re-deployed elsewhere. Buildings and other infrastructure of the organisation would be handed over to the Railway Board.

SC asks govt. to develop modules on drug abuse that can render as order

Drug menace has taken a turn for the worse following the COVID-19 pandemic, says advocate Shoeb Alam, the court's *amicus curiae* in the case; court sets hearing for five weeks from now

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday highlighted that drug abuse had gripped society even as the government said elite departments such as the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence were examining ways to plug loopholes and augment preventive mechanisms to counter the menace while examining a possible "narco-terror angle".

"Drug menace is gripping society. We need you to think of some of the module, ideas which can translate as an order which we can pass to govern the entire situation," Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit, leading a Bench, addressed Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the Centre.

The court's *amicus curiae* in the case, advocate Shoeb Alam, said drug menace had taken a turn for the worse following the COVID-19 pandemic. People involved, pushers and users, took to the dark web to deal in drugs. Courier and postal services were used to ferry narcotics.

Concerned citizen: The *suo motu* case was taken up on the basis of letter from a citizen to the Supreme Court. PTI

Distribution networks

The distribution networks had become more systematic, organised and widespread. Narcotics worth ₹30,000 crore had been seized in the past several months, he said. Mr. Alam also referred to the recent drug haul at the Mundra port and to reports by the Narcotics Control Bureau, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the Comptroller and Auditor General and even the the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, which showed that a "sizeable population" was addicted.

"It is a matter of demand and supply," Mr. Alam submitted. The court asked Ms. Bhati and Mr. Alam to sit together and draw up some common parameters and find a reasonable solution to combat the situation. The court scheduled a hearing for after five weeks.

In the previous hearing of the *suo motu* case, the court on Monday had roped in the Centre while acknowledging that the inroads made by drug mafia in society, especially among youngsters, posed a "grave situation".

The *suo motu* case was taken up on the basis of letter from a citizen to the Supreme Court, highlighting the alarming increase in drug abuse, especially among school children and youth.

Several High Courts have in the past taken cognisance of the shadow cast by the drug mafia on society. In 2020, the Madras High Court had observed that drug abuse was one of the major triggers behind commission of heinous offence. The Kerala High Court had directed the State government to establish campus police units in educational institutions. The Punjab and Haryana High Court has been for a time hearing a case on rampant drug problem in Punjab.

Solar Alliance approves funding mechanism

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

To bolster investments in solar power projects, the International Solar Alliance (ISA), in its General Assembly meeting here on Tuesday, approved the 'Solar Facility', a payment guarantee mechanism expected to stimulate investments into solar projects through two financial components – a Solar Payment Guarantee Fund and Solar Insurance Fund.

The thrust of the facility is to attract private capital to flow into "underserved markets" in Africa. The ISA would aim to crowdsource investments from various donors across the globe and proposed projects in Africa would be able to purchase payment guarantees or partial insurance premium from these funds, said a statement from the ISA.

"With the Solar Facility, ISA is looking to support projects by reducing lenders' apprehensions and enabling finance to flow for projects that otherwise may not have received funding," said ISA Director General Ajay Mathur.

ISA's mission is to unlock US $1 trillion (₹80 lakh crore) of investments in solar power by 2030 while reducing cost of the technology and its financing.

U.S. hands over 307 antique items valued at $4 million to India

R. Sivaraman
CHENNAI

The U.S. authorities formally handed over 307 antiquities, estimated to be worth nearly $4 million to Indian officials on Monday. These were recovered from international smuggler Subash Kapoor's art gallery, other art galleries as well as multiple trafficking networks.

As many as 235 of the antiquities were seized pursuant to an investigation against Subash Kapoor, who helped traffic items from India and other countries. Five others were seized from a person, Nancy Wiener, in New York and one pursuant to an investigation against another person, Nayef Homsi. The remaining 66 antiquities were stolen from India by multiple smaller trafficking networks.

All the antiquities were returned during a repatriation ceremony on Monday evening at the Indian Consulate in New York attended by India's Consul General Randir Jaiswal, and U.S. Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Acting Deputy Special Agent-in-Charge, Tom Lau.

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin L. Bragg said in a statement, "We are proud to return hundreds of stunning pieces back to the people of India. These were stolen by multiple complex and sophisticated trafficking rings – the leaders of which showed no regard for the cultural or historical significance of these objects."

Giraffes brought to India by British may belong to endangered species

Rohan Premkumar
UDHAGAMANDALAM

About 150 years ago, British colonialists brought batches of what they thought were a single species of the northern giraffe to India, from their other colonial possessions in Africa. These now comprise a captive population of 29 northern giraffes across the country.

A recent genealogical study of the largest captive herd in India at the Alipore Zoological Garden in Kolkata has confirmed that the giraffes in this facility, at least, are most likely "critically endangered" Nubian giraffes (*Giraffa camelopardalis camelopardalis*) or the endangered Rothschild giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis rothschildi*).

Speaking to *The Hindu*, R. Sanil, Associate Professor, Molecular Biology Laboratory, Government Arts College, Udhagamandalam, where dung samples of the 10 giraffes from Kolkata were analysed, said that the Nubian giraffes are believed to be among three sub-species of the northern giraffe, according to a whole genome sequencing study conducted in 2021. He pointed out that there were giraffes in captivity in Mysuru, Chennai, Patna, Guwahati, and Hyderabad, and it was imperative to identify their species too.

Tracking the roots: A genome sequencing study was conducted on 10 giraffes in Kolkata's Alipore Zoological Garden. PTI

A genetic distance analysis of the giraffes in Alipore showed that they were most closely related to Nubian and Rothschild giraffes. "As both the Nubian and Rothschild giraffes are listed as 'critically endangered' and 'endangered' by the IUCN [respectively], we think it's imperative that the Central Zoo Authority conducts further studies of giraffes in captivity so that the species are not interbred with each other and the giraffes' germplasm is preserved," Mr. Sanil added.

Sulekha J. Backer, research scholar and one of the lead authors of the paper titled 'Captive giraffes in Alipore Zoological Garden, Kolkata are Nubian!', said "stud-books" maintained in zoos across India had little to no information on where the giraffes brought from Africa had been captured; so the only way to identify the species would be through a mitochondrial gene study.

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(set by Dr. X)

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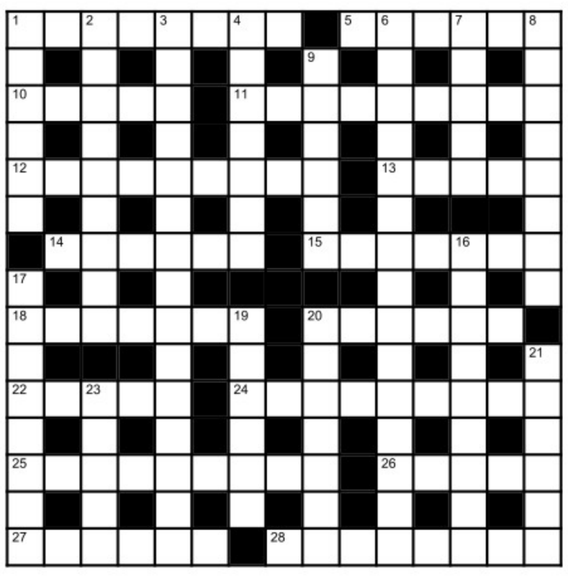

Across

1 Report in channel about health resort (8)
5 Loves to sleep endlessly after a party (6)
10 Greek character enthralled by awesome gal (5)
11 Cling to a son becoming emotional (9)
12 Author's most narrow-minded point (9)
13 Require boundary...bowled out (5)
14 Rat race sadly leaves associate in depression (6)
15 Undisclosed affair with maiden in rave (7)
18 News of India's top director involved in scandalous sting (7)
20 Individual knocked back bit of vodka in party again (2,4)
22 Immoralities ruin lives (5)
24 Criminals thrash sailor endlessly in European port (9)
25 Beauty possessing essentially exquisite figure, almost provocative (9)
26 Couple of amateurs tackling problem in Caribbean island (5)
27 Woman's gown is off kilter (6)
28 Second peg gets annoying person most high (8)

Down

1 Falls down dead on ascending trail (6)
2 Fashion designer consuming drug, going ballistic (6,3)
3 Once more get endlessly high and drink without consent (7,4,4)
4 Get the better of rook with queen and king (7)
6 Sell a lot of big cats? (2,1,7,5)
7 Unrelenting American soldier breaks free (5)
8 Protection from rampant surge, city bars gatherings to begin with (8)
9 Orders reviewed, enters to execute revolting American assassin (6)
16 Excitement in rave with nude model going wild (9)
17 Youth enthralled by small boy on fine antelope (8)
19 Rebellious degenerates consuming ecstasy and cocaine in area (6)
20 Most crowded dive, starting to suffocate in dump (7)
21 Igneous rock belonging to bottom layer, primarily titaniferous (6)
23 One left crushed by socialist backing loafer (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Praising Him

Alavandar's Stotra Ratna is a praise of Lord Narayana, which also sets forth the tenets of Visishtadvaita. Alavandar, having made up his mind to praise the Lord, is left with the feeling that he cannot do what he wants to do. Brahma and the Vedas themselves have been unable to comprehend His greatness. How then can he comprehend it enough to praise Him? But then it dawns on Alavandar that whatever little he is capable of, he must do. If the Vedas cannot fathom His supremacy fully, obviously, no one can. And yet that must not keep us from singing His praise. Alavandar's sentiments remind us of a verse in Vedanta Desika's Devanayaka Panchasat, said Valayapet Ramachariar in a discourse.

Cows grazing on the banks of the Milky Ocean, drink the waters of the ocean. Will their calves eat grass, when there is plentiful milk available in the ocean nearby? Their mothers feed on this milk, and the calves suck milk from the udders of their mothers. Will such calves feed on grass? The cows may be able to drink a lot of milk, whereas the calves may be able to take only a few sips. Desika says that just as the calves take a few sips, while the older cows drink large volumes of the milk, so also, while the Upanishads may praise Him to a greater extent, surely Desika can praise Him according to his ability. Everything else is as insignificant to Desika as a blade of grass.

Even Kaliya, the snake, controlled by Lord Krishna, is anxious to praise Krishna. But the snake knows not how to do this. Kooratazhvan said that he wished he could have been Kaliya's hood. Had he been Kaliya's hood, he would have had the good fortune of touching Krishna's feet.

JAKARTA

Indonesia to pull down stadium where stampede claimed 133 lives

The Indonesian football stadium where a stampede killed 133 people on October 1 will be torn down and rebuilt, President Joko Widodo has said, as the head of FIFA Gianni Infantino pledged to help "reform and transform" the sport in the country. The Under-20 World Cup is scheduled to be held in the country in a year. AFP

AFRIN

Nearly 60 killed in 10 days of clashes between rebels in Syria

As many as 58 people have been killed in more than a week of inter-rebel fighting in Syria's Turkish-held north. The clashes since October 8 were among the deadliest in years, killing 48 rebels and 10 civilians. Those killed include 28 fighters from the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham alliance, led by al-Qaeda's former Syria affiliate. AFP

KABUL

Women protest after students expelled from university dorms

About 30 Afghan women protested in front of the Kabul University on Tuesday after authorities expelled students from the dormitories on the charge of breaking rules. The protesters claimed that all the evicted students were women in a move that comes as the Taliban has increasingly restricted girls' access to education. AFP

ADDIS ABABA

Ethiopian and Eritrean forces seize key Tigrayan city, say rebel groups

Tigrayan rebels said on Tuesday that Ethiopian and Eritrean forces had seized a key Tigrayan city, a move coinciding with UN warnings of a spiralling conflict and an "utterly staggering" toll on civilians. It said the joint forces had entered Shire, a strategic city of about 1,00,000 people, on Monday. REUTERS

Kyiv says Russian strikes leave over 1,100 Ukraine towns without power

Zelensky says over 30% power stations destroyed after a week of attacks; more than 70 killed, 240 injured in the period; Moscow claims it regained territory in Kharkiv, admits the military situation in Ukraine, especially around Kherson, is 'tense'

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Kyiv said on Tuesday that more than 1,100 towns and villages across Ukraine had been left without power after 10 days of Russia strikes that have targeted energy facilities across the country.

In the past 10 days Russia carried out around "190 mass strikes with missiles, kamikaze drones and artillery in 16 Ukrainian regions and in the city of Kyiv," a spokesperson for Ukraine's emergency services, Oleksandr Khorunzhyi, told a briefing.

Power point: Firefighters dousing a blaze at a thermal power plant hit by a Russian missile strike in Kyiv on Tuesday. REUTERS

Russia destroyed about 30% of Ukraine's power stations in a week, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said Tuesday.

"For now, 1,162 settlements in Dnipropetrovsk, Kirovograd, Zhytomyr, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Lugansk, Mykolaiv, Kherson regions remain cut off from electricity," Mr. Khorunzhyi said.

As a result of the strikes, more than 70 people were killed and 240 injured over that period, according to statistics given during the briefing.

Strikes impacted 380 buildings including "critical infrastructure facilities, in particular energy facilities, and civilian facilities – private houses, and high-rise residential buildings," Mr. Khorunzhyi said.

Meanwhile, Russian military said that it had recaptured territory in the eastern Kharkiv region of Ukraine, the first gains in that place since Moscow's forces were pushed back in a sweeping counter-offensive.

The new commander of Russian forces in Ukraine, Sergei Surovikin, acknowledged that the military situation in Ukraine was "tense", especially around the occupied southern city of Kherson.

"The situation in the area of the 'Special Military Operation' can be described as tense," he said. "The enemy continually attempts to attack the positions of Russian troops."

Pakistan likely to be taken off FATF grey list this week

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Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar is in Paris to lead the Pakistani delegation

Pakistan is expected to be taken off the Financial Action Task Force grey list at the global watchdog body's plenary session in Paris this week, although it will be asked to update members on its actions to counter terror financing and money laundering on a regular basis, in a decision that India will monitor closely.

The final decision on Pakistan, which has faced stringent financial sanctions and difficulties in availing international loans as a result of the FATF grey list, or "jurisdictions under increased monitoring" list since February 2018, will be announced at the end of the two-day session on October 20 - 21.

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar landed in Paris on Tuesday to lead the Pakistani delegation and to iron out any last-minute wrinkles. A reprieve from the grey list will come as a major relief for Pakistan that is in the midst of an economic crisis, and is believed to also reflect an improvement in ties between Islamabad and Washington, officials said.

In Islamabad, the *Dawn* newspaper reported that officials believed that the government's "strenuous efforts" and "a smooth and successful visit" on-site by an FATF delegation to Islamabad and Lahore last month had ensured a favourable outcome at the plenary session.

However sources said that even after Pakistan is cleared to exit the grey list, it will be subject to continued scrutiny by the FATF, and will need to regularly report on its actions to continue the steps it has taken on Anti Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism.

The FATF is also expected to take up China's follow-up of its evaluations, as well as Western proposals to suspend Russia from the FATF participation due to the war in Ukraine.

'China looking at a 'much faster timeline' for taking Taiwan'

Agence France-Presse
SAN FRANCISCO

Beijing wants to seize Taiwan "on a much faster timeline" than previously considered, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Monday, warning that President Xi Jinping was leading China in a more aggressive direction.

"We've seen a very different China emerge in recent years under Xi Jinping's leadership," Mr. Blinken told a forum at Stanford University with former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

"It is more repressive at home; it's more aggressive abroad," he added.

Mr. Blinken accused Mr. Xi of "creating tremendous tension" by changing the approach toward Taiwan.

Antony Blinken

He said China had made a "fundamental decision that the status quo was no longer acceptable, and that Beijing was determined to pursue reunification on a much faster timeline," though he gave no hard estimate or date.

U.S. intercepts Russian bombers near Alaska

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. F-16 warplanes intercepted two Russian bombers in international airspace near the state of Alaska, the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) said on Tuesday.

The Tu-95 bombers were intercepted the previous day after "entering and operating within the Alaskan Air Defense Identification Zone," NORAD said in a statement.

While tensions are high between the United States and Russia over Moscow's invasion of Ukraine, NORAD said the bombers were not perceived as a threat.

U.K. working to stop China's poaching of former airforce pilots

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

The U.K. government said on Tuesday it was taking "decisive steps" against a Chinese recruitment effort to bring in former and serving British airforce pilots to train its military personnel.

While British military personnel frequently take part in training exercises with foreign armies, any collusion by ex-pilots with China – which London has dubbed the "number one threat" to domestic and global security – poses a serious concern.

"We are taking decisive steps to stop Chinese recruitment schemes attempting to headhunt serving and former U.K. Armed Forces pilots to train People's Liberation Army personnel," a spokesperson for the British Defence Ministry said.

Armed forces minister James Heappey acknowledged to broadcaster *Sky News* that such collaboration "has been a concern within the ministry of defence for years".

"The recruitment of pilots in order to understand the capabilities of our Air Force is clearly a concern to us and the intelligence part of the Ministry of Defence."

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin denied any knowledge of such employment of British pilots.

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NOTICE INVITING GLOBAL TENDER FOR SALE OF BULLION
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(Through Govt. of Karnataka E-Procurement portal only)
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The calendar of events of this tender are as under: Pre-bid virtual meeting (Zoom) **24.10.2022 (12:00 hrs).** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **03.11.2022 (17:00 hrs)** Date & time for opening of Technical bid: **05.11.2022 (12:00 hrs).** Date & time for opening of Financial bid: **21.11.2022 (11:00 hrs)**

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION - 2nd Call

The Executive Engineer (SWM) on behalf of the Director, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Bengaluru invites two cover system turnkey basis lumpsum 2nd call tenders from the interested and eligible Class-I contractors registered with the competent authority. Details as follows.

Sl No.	Works Indent No	Amount put to tender Rs. in Lakhs	EMD Rs. in Lakhs	Stipulated Period of Completion of work
1	DMA/2021-22/WT/WORK_INDENT128414/CALL-2(Package No-1)	785.17	11.80	12 Months (Including monsoon period)
2	DMA/2021-22/WT/WORK_INDENT128650/CALL-2(Package No-2)	767.43	11.55	
3	DMA/2021-22/WT/WORK_INDENT129054/CALL-2(Package No-4)	774.44	11.65	
4	DMA/2021-22/WT/WORK_INDENT128929/CALL-2(Package No-5)	569.16	8.55	
5	DMA/2021-22/WS/WORK_INDENT125925/CALL-2(Package No-6)	520.57	7.85	
6	DMA/2021-22/WT/WORK_INDENT125939/CALL-2(Package No-7)	602.60	9.05	
7	DMA/2021-22/WT/WORK_INDENT128591/CALL-2(Package No-9)	603.13	9.05	

Tender documents may be downloaded from government of Karnataka e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Tender documents downloaded from: **18.10.2022 to 07.11.2022**, pre-bid meeting: **27.10.2022, 11.00 am**, last date for submission of tender documents (online) **07.11.2022 up to 5.00pm**, Opening of tender (Technical bid only) **08.11.2022 at 05.30 PM**. Any Change in the tender conditions and calendar of events will be notified through e– procurement portal only and will not be published in any newspapers.

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Sri Lankan author Shehan Karunatilaka wins Booker Prize for afterlife thriller

Press Trust of India
LONDON

Sri Lankan author Shehan Karunatilaka has been named the winner of the 2022 Booker Prize for his second novel *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida*, described by the judges as a whodunnit and a race against time, full of ghosts, gags and deep humanity.

Shehan Karunatilaka, left, with Camilla, Britain's queen consort, from whom he received the award in London on Tuesday. AFP

Second Sri Lankan

Mr. Karunatilaka, 47, became only the second Sri Lankan born to win the prestigious GBP 50,000 literary prize at a ceremony in London on Monday night, after Michael Ondaatje who won for *The English Patient* in 1992.

The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida tells the story of the photographer of its title, who in 1990 wakes up dead in a celestial visa office. With no idea who killed him, Maali has seven moons to contact the people he loves most and leads them to a hidden cache of photos of civil war atrocities that will rock Sri Lanka.

"What the judges particularly admired and enjoyed in *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida* was the ambition of its scope, and the hilarious audacity of its narrative techniques," said Neil MacGregor, Chair of the 2022 Booker judges.

'Gallows humour'

Mr. Karunatilaka, who was born in Galle in 1975 and grew up in Colombo, says that Sri Lankans specialise in "gallows humour" and make jokes in the face of crises as a coping mechanism.

Mr. Karunatilaka and this year's other shortlisted authors, NoViolet Bulawayo, Percival Everett, Claire Keegan and Elizabeth Strout, were all in attendance at the Roundhouse in London, with Alan Garner attending virtually.

Australia not to recognise Jerusalem as Israel's capital

Reuters
SYDNEY

Australia said it would no longer recognise west Jerusalem as Israel's capital on Tuesday, a policy reversal that prompted a curt rebuke from the Jewish state but was cheered by Palestinians.

Foreign Minister Penny Wong said the city's status should be decided by Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, unwinding a contentious decision by the previous conservative government led by Scott Morrison.

"We will not support an approach that undermines" a two-state solution, Ms. Wong said.

INBRIEF

India should tax PVs based on emissions, says Nissan MD

India should consider taxing passenger vehicles based on emissions rather than length and engine size of vehicles, for a cleaner environment, Nissan Motor India MD Rakesh Srivastava said on Tuesday.

"We can have different tax slabs based on the level of emissions," Mr. Srivastava said, adding the government already had a different tax structure for vehicles whose length was lesser or greater than four metres, and in terms of fuel. PTI

U.S. FDA issues 4 observations to Alembic's Gujarat plant

Alembic Pharmaceuticals Ltd. said on Tuesday the U.S. health regulator had issued Form 483 with four procedural observations after inspection of its oncology injectable formulation facility at Panelav in Gujarat.

"The U.S. FDA issued a Form 483 with four procedural observations. None of the observations is related to data integrity, and management believes that they are addressable," Alembic Pharma said in a regulatory filing. PTI

SBI increases rates on savings deposits of ₹10 cr. and above

The State Bank of India (SBI) said it has increased by 30 basis points (bps) to 3.0% the interest rates on savings bank deposits with a balance of ₹10 crore and above. The interest rates for savings bank deposits with balances of below ₹10 crore remain unchanged at 2.70%. "The revised rates are applicable from October 15, 2022 onwards," the state-owned lender said in a statement. As of June, the bank had a deposit base of more than ₹40.46 lakh crore.

Govt. said to seek waiver in norm for IDBI Bank sale

All listed firms must reach minimum 25% public holding within 3 years of listing; 'if SEBI classifies government, LIC as public shareholders, criteria will be automatically met, says source'

Reuters
NEW DELHI

The Centre is in talks with the markets regulator seeking to relax a key public shareholding norm for the potential buyer of IDBI Bank in a bid to attract a larger pool of suitors, according to two sources.

Earlier this month, India invited bids for a 60.72% stake in IDBI Bank – which is 45.48% owned by the government and 49.24% by Life Insurance Corp. (LIC).

Special case: IDBI Bank is currently exempt from the shareholding norm and LIC and the Centre hold 95% in the lender. G. RAMAKRISHNA

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), India's capital markets regulator, mandates a minimum 25% of public shareholding for all listed firms, excluding state-owned companies, within three years of listing.

The Centre has asked SEBI if it could classify the government and LIC's remaining stake of about 34% after the sale as public float, which will help the new buyer meet the minimum public shareholding norm without diluting its ownership, one of the sources, who did not want to be named, told Reuters.

If this were allowed, "the minimum public shareholding criteria will be automatically met," the second official said. IDBI Bank is currently exempt from the shareholding norm and the promoters – LIC and the government – hold 95% of the lender.

'Merchant bankers can transact only in securities'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

A merchant banker cannot carry on any business other than those pertaining to the securities market, according to the capital markets regulator SEBI.

The clarification came after PNB Investment Services sought an informal guidance on whether it can act as a direct selling agent by starting a fresh business vertical for marketing retail products.

AI eyes 30% international market share in 5 years: CEO

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Air India (AI) aims to grow its share of international passengers to and from India from the current 12% to 30% over the next five years, its CEO Campbell Wilson said on Tuesday.

To support this international growth, the country could add a hub, including one located in south India, Mr. Wilson told the media.

The airline aims to reclaim its presence globally, and Mr. Wilson explained how Air India plans to achieve it. "India's network has not always been purely commercially driven," he said.

Campbell Wilson

"It has been, perhaps, driven by the location of the diaspora, which is not wrong. But we can appeal to a lot more... [such as] the pure international traveller, the sort that flies Emirates, Qatar and Singapore Airlines and others, which will allow us to broaden our footprint."

'Advantage India'

Mr. Wilson added that India had an advantage due to its geography from a connectivity point of view as well as both a large local population and diaspora, while most global airlines either had a strong home market or connectivity.

RBI's 2013 tack to restore forex reserves may not work, say analysts

Reuters
MUMBAI

The RBI's 2013 playbook to buffer the rupee against steep declines and rebuild foreign exchange reserves is unlikely to prove fruitful in the current crisis as economic fundamentals are different, analysts said.

Forex reserves have tumbled about $110 billion from a peak of $642 billion in September last year, and though that is largely due to the fall in the value of holdings in dollars and other currencies, another significant reason is RBI's currency market intervention.

The local unit fell about 11% against the dollar in 2013, a slide it has already matched so far this year.

"It would be important to rebuild FX reserves... there will be urgency as fundamentals are also adverse," said Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at Bank of Baroda.

Back in 2013, the RBI had offered to swap the U.S. dollars banks had raised via foreign currency non-resident (FCNR) deposits or foreign currency funding for rupees at concessional rates.

It swapped FCNR deposits with maturity of 3 years or more at a rate of 3.5% p.a., which was about 3 percentage points less than market rates.

"The FCNR route might not be as effective... for reasons like a narrower US-IN rate spread," said Radhika Rao, senior economist at DBS Bank.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	58,961	0.94
US Dollar	82.37	-0.08
Gold	50,783	-0.09
Brent oil	89.29	-3.05

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3284.30	71.70
Adani Ports	809.95	23.75
Apollo Hosp	4366.00	75.15
Asian Paints	3225.85	28.25
Axis Bank	816.35	2.20
Bajaj Auto	3611.30	-17.70
Bajaj Finserv	1726.25	7.00
Bajaj Finance	7390.40	35.20
Bharti Airtel	783.15	17.15
BPCL	295.75	-0.80
Britannia Ind	3766.85	-10.85
Cipla	1125.85	17.70
Coal India	241.70	3.70
Divis Lab	3572.25	-6.30
Dr Reddys Lab	4356.55	21.35
Eicher Motors	3612.50	97.80
Grasim Ind	1688.25	-2.90
HCL Tech	1009.20	14.60
HDFC	2331.65	-17.60
HDFC Bank	1443.85	-2.70
HDFC Life	531.25	7.50
Hero MotoCorp	2562.00	8.30
Hindalco	393.45	5.15
Hind Unilever	2602.25	11.70
ICICI Bank	896.90	11.70
IndusInd Bank	1223.25	23.60
Infosys	1503.70	13.75
ITC	340.30	8.05
JSW Steel	636.75	5.30
Kotak Bank	1859.70	1.55
L&T	1918.10	34.90
M&M	1253.80	23.80
Maruti Suzuki	8807.35	83.55
NestleIndia	19387.85	467.70
NTPC	166.95	-1.50
ONGC	128.70	0.90
PowerGrid Corp	212.35	0.50
Reliance Ind	2451.25	42.50
SBI Life	1219.05	29.25
State Bank	562.45	18.80
Sun Pharma	978.35	-1.65
TataConsumer Product	774.35	11.20
Tata Motors	404.25	8.15
Tata Steel	100.65	1.10
TCS	3144.70	32.95
Tech Mahindra	1019.40	-3.85
Titan	2641.10	16.10
UltraTech Cement	6346.75	75.25
UPL	682.05	4.00
Wipro	379.30	4.20

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 18

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.16	82.48
Euro	80.77	81.09
British Pound	92.82	93.19
Japanese Yen (100)	55.09	55.30
Chinese Yuan	11.41	11.46
Swiss Franc	82.48	82.80
Singapore Dollar	57.83	58.06
Canadian Dollar	59.69	59.93
Malaysian Ringitt	17.42	17.49
Australian Dollar	51.75	51.97

Source:Indian Bank

NCLT said to extend RCap's IBC process to January 31

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has, for the third time, extended the deadline for debt-ridden Reliance Capital's resolution process to January 31. The earlier deadline was November 1, 2022.

As per the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) rules, the administrator had to originally close the resolution of RCL within 180 days viz. by June 3, 2022.

Torrent, IndusInd Bank, Oaktree, Cosmea Financial, Authum Investment, and B Right Real Estate have submitted bids in the range of ₹4,000 crore to ₹4,500 crore for Reliance Capital's entire assets, sources said.

OVL said to bid to regain 20% stake in Russia's Sakhalin-1

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

ONGC Videsh Ltd. (OVL), the overseas arm of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), is making a proposal to retake 20% stake in Russia's Sakhalin-1 oil and gas project in the far east, according to sources.

Russian President Vladimir Putin earlier this month disbanded Exxon Neftegaz – a regional subsidiary of U.S. supermajor ExxonMobil – as operator of the Sakhalin-1 and transferred the project and all of its assets and equipment to a new operator.

The other former foreign shareholders in the project – Japan's Sodeco consortium and ONGC Videsh – have to apply to the Russian government to regain their shareholdings in the project.

"We want to retain the shareholding and will do all that the local law requires us to do," a source said.

Sakhalin-1 is OVL's cash cow and without the project, the company will be a loss-making entity, another source said.

Chola MS gross written premium rises 30% in H1

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Co. Ltd. (Chola MS) has posted a 30% growth in gross written premium (GWP) for the half year ended September to ₹27.69 billion from the year-earlier period.

The investment corpus stood at ₹139.3 billion and solvency ratio 2.10 times, the insurer said.

Chola MS, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary, is poised to grow bigger in size and market share, stronger in profitability and solvency even as it continues to uphold the brand's promise 'pledge2protect,' said V. Suryanarayanan, MD. The insurer had posted GWP of ₹48.24 billion in FY22.

'International air travel will recover fully by mid-2023'

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

International air travel is expected to return to pre-COVID levels by mid-2023, said Adnan Kazim, Chief Commercial Officer (CCO), Emirates.

"I would say it has currently reached 85% with domestic markets improving," Mr. Kazim said.

"By next year, with more countries including China, far eastern countries, Hong Kong and Japan expected to open up, the international air travel will fully recover," he added.

Adnan Kazim

According to him, there is a spike in demand, especially for the premium category.

He said in light of a surge in travel bookings and growing demand for premium flying, many carriers including Emirates, were in the process of reintroducing wide-body aircraft. "Bengaluru is a classic example, that's why we are going to fly A380 from here to Dubai October 30 onwards," the CCO said.

"We now fly 80 of our total fleet of 118 A380s and are also in the process of deploying more A380s on other busy routes globally," he added.

Also, many airports including London (Heathrow), Paris, Frankfurt and Dubai were encouraging wide-body aircraft to minimise frequency of smaller aircraft and to reduce congestion, he said.

Rane Engine Valve Q2 net loss narrows to ₹4 lakh

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Rane Engine Valve Ltd., (REVL) standalone net loss for the second quarter has narrowed to ₹4 lakh from ₹3.09 crore on account of favourable demand and operational performance.

Revenue from operations grew by 23% to ₹123 crore, it said in a filing.

The result included an exceptional item of ₹1.15 crore. "We continue to experience higher commodity prices, particularly in special alloys," said Chairman L. Ganesh.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: SEE/Tr(M)/BRAZ/AEE-(C)/J.E(C)-1&2/2022-23/3909-13 Dt: 17.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

KPTCL invites tender for 01 number of **providing Housekeeping Services at KPTCL 400kV station, KIADB, Devanahalli Hardware Park, Bagaluru, Bengaluru (Call-2) coming under the jurisdiction of superintending Engineer (Ele), Trans. (Maint), BRAZ, KPTCL, U.A.S. Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru.**

The Detailed Notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on or after **21.10.2022** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper Link **'e procurement-KPTCL'** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer(Ele),
Tr(M), BRAZ , KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbala,
Bengaluru-560024. Ph: 080-23513952

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: SEE/EE/Tr/(W&M)/DVG/AEE-1/F-114/22-23/Cys-71 Date: 18.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

E-Tenders are invited in the prescribed form from Reputed Electrical Contractors Possessing Super Grade Electrical Contractor License for the following Works in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere.

1) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/39/17.10.2022. Tender for replacement of age old 02 No's of Pneumatic CGL make 66 kV Breakers by new 66 kV, 1250A, 40KA, SF6 Circuit Breakers with Spring type operating Mechanism CG Power and Industrial Solution Ltd make 66 kV Breakers for 66/11 kV Power Transformer-1 and Power Transformer-2 at 66/11 kV MUSS AVARAGERE in TL & SS Division, Davanagere on Partial Turnkey Basis.

2) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/40/17.10.2022. Tender for replacement of age old 4 Nos Pneumatic CGL make 66 kV Breakers by new spring charged CGL make 66 kV Breakers for 66 kV Guttur (Industrial), Sokke, Harihar-Hospete and Kukkuwada lines at 220 kV SRS Davanagere in TL & SS Division, Davanagere.

3) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/31/Call-2, Dt:14.10.2022. Tender for Erection of 02 Nos of Additional 11 kV MCVCB Breakers at 66/11 kV MUSS Honnali in 220 kV Division, Benkikere on Partial Turnkey Basis.

4) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/36/11.10.2022. Tender for Erection & Commissioning of 02 Nos of 220 kV Class Siemens make Circuit Breakers for replacement of age-old ABB Breakers of 220 kV Guttur-Davanagere-3 & 220 kV side of 315 MVA ICT-02, at 400/220 kV Receiving Station Guttur on Partial Turnkey Basis.

Tenders will be accepted through e-Procurement mode only.

For further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in & click on hyperlink e-procurement-kptcl to participate in e-procurement portal on or after 19.10.2022.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere – 577004. Phone: 08192 – 250774.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: SEE/Tr.(W&M)C/KLB/EEE(O)/Civil/2022-23/3604 Date: 18.10.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Tenders for 08 numbers of Civil Engineering works (Capital, Repairs & Maintenance) coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission Circle, Kalaburagi. The Tender will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "eProcurement - KPTCL" or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 20.10.2022.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the under signed during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.)
Tr. (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan, Sedam Road, Kalaburagi
Ph: 08472-262545

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Interested owners / PA holders of premises in the required location may send their offers in two separate bid forms-Technical and Price bids furnishing full particulars on or before **10.11.2022** by **04:00 p.m.** to Indian Overseas Bank, Regional Office. Format of bid forms and details of terms can be availed from our office or visit at Bank's website - **www.iob.in**. Brokers / real estate agents will not be entertained.
Date : 18th October, 2022
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/-
Chief Regional Manager

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The Executive Engineer, Public works department. Division,Gadag invites itemwise tenders from eligible tenderers of 35 work of total amount of Rs. **560.55** Lakh (Min estimate amount: Rs. **0.86** Lakhs to Max Estimate Amount: **98.86** Lakhs) for the Different Head of account on behalf of the Hon'able Governor of Karnataka as per Standard Bid Document KW-1, 2 and 3 through e-procurement. - http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/
(a) Last Date for Clarification upto : **25-10-2022**, (b) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders : **28-10-2022** (c) Opening of Technical /Financial Bid Date: **29-10-2022** (d) Opening of Financial Bid Date: **31-10-2022.**
Work Indent No :- 159415, 158526-SC, 159326, 158555, 158538-SC, 157742 -SC, 158580-SC, 158556-SC, 157754-SC, 158569-SC, 158752 -SC, 158753, 158754, 157180, 157184, 157186-SC, 157187, 157188-SC, 157189, 157190, 157191, 157449-ST, 157192-SC, 157196, 157197, 157200, 158755, 158758-ST, 158757, 158756, 135104, 135103, 87548, 78168, 159475,
The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in clause 3 of the instructions to tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. For further information contact the office of The Executive Engineer, PWD Division Gadag (08372-238782) during office hours.
GST shall be paid separately as per prevailing Government Order. The increase in GST shall not be paid in the extended period of contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time.
DIPR/Gadag/MCA/381/2022-23
Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Division, Gadag.

BADMINTON

Srikanth enters the second round of Denmark Open

Kidambi Srikanth beat Hong Kong's Ng Ka Long Angus to win 17-21, 21-14, 21-12 and progress to the second round of the Denmark Open Super 750 badminton tournament in Odense on Tuesday. In women's doubles, Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopi Chand beat Denmark's Alexandra Boje and Amalie Magelund 21-15, 21-15.

FOOTBALL

Former Japan and Celtic star Nakamura to retire at 44

Former Japan international and Celtic star Shunsuke Nakamura will retire from football at the end of the season, his club said on Tuesday, bringing the curtain down on a 26-year career. The 44-year-old was a Scottish champion three times and played two World Cups and is famed for lethal set-piece deliveries.

PREMIER LEAGUE

FA pulls up Klopp for his outburst during the match against City

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp has been charged with improper conduct following his outburst at the assistant referee during the win against Manchester City, the Football Association (FA) said on Tuesday. Klopp has until Friday to respond and it means he is free to take charge of his side on Wednesday against West Ham.

KABADDI

Puneri Paltan and Pink Panthers register victories

Aslam Inamdar's last-gasp winning raid saw Puneri Paltan notch its second win of the vivo Pro Kabaddi League Season 9 with a 26-25 win over Telugu Titans in Bengaluru on Tuesday. In another match, Jaipur Pink Panthers picked up its fourth successive victory after defeating Bengal Warriors 39-24.

Binny prioritises injury prevention mechanism and improving quality of pitches

BCCI office-bearers authorised to nominate Board's representative to the ICC and reconstitute Cricket Advisory Committee; men's and women's Future Tours Programme approved for 2023-2027 and 2022-2025 respectively

BCCI AGM

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Moments after formally taking over as the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Roger Binny stressed on improving Indian cricketers' injury prevention mechanism.

"I want to primarily focus on two things. First is the prevention of injuries to the players. Jasprit Bumrah got injured just before the World Cup, which affects the whole plan," Binny said in his first official interaction as the BCCI president, after the conclusion of the 91st annual general meeting of the Board.

"Second, I want to focus on the pitches in the country. The wickets in India should be lively, so when we go overseas, it helps our players."

The media interaction of the new BCCI office-bearers saw Jay Shah, the secretary, taking centrestage and vice-president Rajeev Shukla briefing about the major decisions arrived at the meeting.

New partnership: BCCI president Roger Binny greets treasurer Ashish Shelar at the Board's AGM on Tuesday. PTI

Interestingly, everyone in attendance, including the BCCI office-bearers and mediapersons, was refrained from using recording devices.

Bumrah's injury ahead of the T20 World Cup is the latest case in a spree of conspicuous player breakdowns ahead of major international cricket assignments.

Binny, with an impeccable record and reputation of a reliable all-rounder, didn't hold back in his wish to improve the scenario.

"We will look to improve on what we can do to reduce injuries. Players getting frequently injured is a concern and we wish to get to the bottom of it all and see how it can be changed for the better," Binny said.

"We have to sit down and discuss what's going wrong. We have excellent doctors and trainers at the National Cricket Academy, but we have to look to reduce the injuries and improve recovery."

Binny also stressed on improving the quality of pitches in domestic cricket. "We need to develop the pitches in India," he said. "There needs to be more life in the wickets at home, so that our teams would not have the problem of adjusting when travelling abroad, like in Australia where there is more pace and bounce," Binny added.

Other major decisions

Besides the unopposed election of office-bearers and IPL governing council members, the following were also finalised:

BCCI office-bearers were authorised to nominate the Board's representative to the International Cricket Council and reconstitute the Cricket Advisory Committee.

Men's and women's Future Tours Programme (FTP) were approved for 2023-2027 and 2022-2025 respectively.

As a result, India's men's team will play 38 Tests, 42 ODIs and 61 T20Is, besides the World events till March 2027.

Women's Indian Premier League was approved in principle, with the five-team inaugural edition to be staged in March 2023.

The annual accounts for 2021-22 were ratified.

BCCI to back Barclay for ICC post; Asia Cup in neutral venue: Shah

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is set to back Greg Barclay's candidature for a second consecutive term as the Independent Chair of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

The Hindu understands that minutes after the BCCI annual general meeting authorised the new set of office-bearers to decide India's representative to the ICC, the BCCI hierarchy formalised its support for Barclay, the former New Zealand Cricket chief who took over as the ICC Chair in November, 2020.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting nominations for the ICC Chair's post is October 20.

The decision thus puts an end to Sourav Ganguly's formal involvement as the BCCI representative. But with Ganguly leaving the AGM enclosure after passing the baton on to his senior Roger Binny, the former India captain will have to settle with the Cricket Association of Bengal president's role vis-a-vis his involvement in cricket administration.

Meanwhile, Jay Shah, the BCCI secretary who is also the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) chairman, has announced that since

Jay Shah. PTI

India cannot travel to Pakistan to participate in the Asia Cup, the tournament will be moved to a neutral venue.

When BCCI vice-president Rajeev Shukla said that travelling to Pakistan for the Asia Cup will depend on "the government clearance," it was asked whether the BCCI will formally seek the nod.

In response, Shah said: "The Asia Cup 2023 will be held at a neutral venue. I am saying this as ACC president.

"We [India] can't go there [to Pakistan], they can't come here. In the past also, the Asia Cup has been played at a neutral venue."

If the same policy is persisted with, the fate of the next year's ODI World Cup, scheduled to be played in India, may hang in the balance.

Smriti. PTI

Smriti and Deepti attain career-best second spot in T20Is

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

India opener Smriti Mandhana and off-spinning all-rounder Deepti Sharma have moved up a place each to attain career-best second spot in the batters and bowlers' charts of the latest ICC women's T20I player rankings.

Smriti, who has been a top-ranked batter in ODIs, moved up after scoring an unbeaten 51 off 25 balls, which guided her team to an eight-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup final. Smriti is on 730 rating points, with 13 points separating her from top-ranked Beth Mooney of Australia.

Deepti, who finished as the joint-highest wicket-taker in the Asia Cup with 13 scalps, has reached 742 rating points, 14 less than England spinner Sophie Ecclestone.

Sri Lanka routs UAE to get its campaign back on track

T20 WORLD CUP

Agence France-Presse
GEELONG

Karthik Meiyappan lit up the T20 World Cup with a hat-trick on Tuesday but it was in vain as Sri Lanka crushed the United Arab Emirates by 79 runs to get its campaign back on track, while the Netherlands toppled Namibia by five wickets.

Put into bat, Sri Lanka was cruising at 117 for two when spinner Meiyappan derailed its plans in the 15th over, removing Bhanuka Rajapaksa, Charith Asalanka and skipper Dasun Shanaka in successive balls. It was the fifth hat-trick at a T20 World Cup, and the first-ever for the UAE in any T20 international.

Shanaka's team recovered to post 152 for eight with Pathum Nissanka making a gritty 74 and Meiyappan ending with 3-19.

The Asian champion then responded by bowling out the UAE for 73 with Dushmantha Chameera returning three for 15 and Wanindu Hasaranga picking up three for eight.

Spinning a record: Karthik Meiyappan took the spotlight on Tuesday by taking the first-ever hat-trick for UAE. AFP

Earlier, Bas de Leede took two wickets and made an unbeaten 30 as the Netherlands took a giant step towards the Super 12 stage with a tense five-wicket victory over giant-killing Namibia.

It left Group A finely poised heading into the third and final matches on Thursday, where net run rate could prove decisive.

The scores: Namibia 121/6 in 20 overs (Jan Frylinck 43, Michael van Lingen 20, Bas de Leede 2/18) lost to Netherlands 122/5 in 19.3 overs (Max ODowd 35, Vikramjit Singh 39, Bas de Leede 30 n.o.).
Toss: Namibia.
Sri Lanka 152/8 in 20 overs (Pathum Nissanka 74, Dhananjaya de Silva 33, Karthik Meiyappan 3/19 (incl.hat-trick)) bt UAE 73 in 17.1 overs (Dushmantha Chameera 3/15, Wanindu Hasaranga 3/8).
Toss: UAE.

Manu shows his worth yet again, clinches javelin with 81.23m throw under wet conditions

ATHLETICS

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

D.P. Manu lived up to his top billing by creating a new meet record in men's javelin with a best throw of 81.23m at the 61st National Open athletics championships at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Tuesday.

It was nowhere close to his personal best (84.35m) but with less-than-ideal preparation – he wasn't allowed to practise at the venue ahead of the competition – and under wet conditions, the Services athlete hailing from Belur, Karnataka, showed his worth yet again.

Out of bounds

Neeraj Chopra's National record (89.94m) was practically out of bounds.

But there were challenges in the form of Rohit Yadav, finalist at the World Championships who had a season best effort of 82.54m, and Sahil Silwal, the defending Open champion with a personal best throw of 80.65m.

Impressive opening

However, Manu's opening salvo was an impressive 80.32m, taking him past Ravinder Singh Khaira's previous meet record of 79.04m set in 2016. The 22-year-old bettered it with 80.50m off his third throw before finishing with a high of 81.23m.

Rohit could only come up with a 79.80m heave to take silver, while Silwal finished sixth.

"It has been two or three meets since I threw more than 81. So, I am very happy," said Manu. "I was targeting around 78m for the opening throw, but I got into a good rhythm and continued. I could have done 82 or 83. But happy with 81."

Controversy

Elsewhere, there was controversy in women's high jump where Abhinaya S. Shetty, the eventual gold medallist at 1.78m, had seemingly cleared a height of 1.82m, only for the officials to invalidate it.

At first, the judge had raised the white flag to declare it legal, but the bar fell after that. Abhinaya protested, but the authorities were unmoved.

The results: Men: 800m: 1. Krishan Kumar (Ser) 1:48.80s, 2. Abhishek Singh Thakur (MP) 1:48.82, 3. Prakash Balu Gadade (Ser) 1:48.98; **High jump:** 1. Sarvesh Anil Kushare (Ser) 2.18m, 2. Jesse Sandesh (Rly) 2.10m, 3. Chethan Balasubramanya (Ser) 2.05; **Discus:** 1. Kirpal Singh (ONGC) 58.15, 2. Parshant Malik (Har) 55.10, 3. Nirbhay Singh (Har) 54.88; **Javelin:** 1. D.P. Manu (Ser) 81.23 (NMR; OR: 79.04, Ravinder Singh Khaira, 2016), 2. Rohit Yadav (Rly) 79.80, 3. Kishore Kumar Jena (Odi) 78.05.

Women: 800m: 1. Chanda (Rly) 2:02.49s, 2. Pooja (Rly) 2:05.92, 3. Twinkle (Rly) 2:06.44.

High jump: 1. Abhinaya S. Shetty (Rly) 1.78m, 2. Kevinaa Ashwine Annavi (TN) 1.76, 3. Rubina Yadav (Rly) 1.74; **Triple jump:** 1. Poorva Hitesh Sawant (Mah) 13.18, 2. N.V. Sheena (Ker) 13.07, 3. Karthika Gothandapani (Rly) 13.00; **Javelin:** 1. Shilpa Rani (Har) 55.18, 2. K. Rashmi (Rly) 51.52, 3. Karishma S. Sanil (Kar) 51.39.

Mixed relay: 4x400m: 1. Karnataka 3:21.53s (NMR; OR: 3:36.22, Tamil Nadu, 2021), 2. Railways 3:21.66; 3. Tamil Nadu 3:21.74.

Soaring display: D.P. Manu of Services lived up to his billing, hurling the javelin to a new meet mark. K. MURALI KUMAR

INBRIEF

Benzema and Putellas walk away with the Ballon d'Or

Karim Benzema won the men's Ballon d'Or for the first time on Monday after a brilliant season with Real Madrid capped by the Champions League and Spanish league titles. Spanish player Alexia Putellas won the women's trophy for the second straight year following another standout season with Barcelona. In other awards, the Kopa Trophy for the best under-21 player went to 18-year-old Barcelona midfielder Gavi, while Robert Lewandowski won the Gerd Muller award for the best striker of the year. The Lev Yashin award for best goalkeeper went to Real Madrid's Thibaut Courtois.

Gold for Velmurugan in FIDE WC in Chess Composition

Chennai's Velmurugan Nallusamy won gold medal in the recently-concluded FIDE World Cup in Chess Composition in the Retro section. The tournament is organised by FIDE every year in eight sections with an objective to develop and promote chess composition. The composer will be presented with a World Cup, a medal, prize money, and a FIDE president-signed certificate at the World Federation for Chess Composition (WFCC) Congress at Fujirah in November 2022.

ONGC cueists claim PSPB inter-unit billiards title

The star-studded ONGC team, comprising Pankaj Advani, Rupesh Shah, Dhruv Sitwala and Sourav Kothari, secured the billiards team title at the 18th PSPB inter-unit billiards and snooker tournament at the KSBA in Bengaluru.

The result (final): ONGC bt IOCL 414-233 [Dhruv Sitwala bt Dhvaj Haria 200-14; Sourav Kothari lost to Brijesh Damani 136-200; Pankaj Advani bt Aditya Mehta 78-19].

Delhi HC orders fresh TTFI elections

The Delhi High Court has ordered fresh elections in the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI), with the electoral process completed on or before November 15. This is in keeping with the deadline indicated by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) as per its letter dated August 15, 2022

Magesh and Amoes shine as Friends United wins big

Magesh Selva and Amoes scored a brace each as Friends United defeated ADE FC 5-2 in the BDFA Super Division League football in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

The results: Bangalore Dream United FC 2 (M.A. Mohammed Adhileshan 29, 63) bt Bangalore Eagles FC 0; ASC & Center FC 2 (Wahengbam Niraj Singh 75, Usham Robinson Singh 87) bt Young Challengers FC 0; Rebels FC 1 (Dawanchwa Carlos Challam 17) bt Bangalore Independents FC 0; Friends United FC 5 (K. Gopi 10, Magesh Selva 22, 44, Amoes 51, 67) bt ADE FC 2 (P. Sandeep Krishnan 9, Jones Muthuraj 81).

Cummins appointed Australia's ODI captain

Test skipper Pat Cummins was Tuesday appointed Australia's one-day captain and will lead the side through to the ODI World Cup (2023) in India.

LIVE TELECAST

Men's T20 World Cup: (Warm-up matches): Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.30 a.m.& 1.30 p.m.; **(First-round)**: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.

BWF Denmark Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 12.30 p.m. onwards

Pro Kabaddi League: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards

La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 10.30 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 12.45 a.m. (Thursday)

Karnataka bowlers star in big win over Arunachal

Pacers Vidhwath and Vasuki do the damage with three wickets each; Ruturaj's second century of the tournament highlights Maharashtra's victory over Kerala

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY

Sports Bureau

On fire: Karnataka speedster Koushik produced a remarkable spell against Arunachal Pradesh. FILE PHOTO: BISWARANJAN ROUT

Karnataka scored a crushing 10-wicket win against Arunachal Pradesh at Mohali to stay on course for a place in the knockout stage of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament alive at Mohali on Tuesday.

Arunachal had no answer to an excellent show from the Karnataka bowlers and was all out for 75, with four balls remaining. Rohan Sharma was the top-scorer with 18.

Seamer Vidhwath Kaverappa came up with another fine show, taking three for 22. He had picked up five wickets in the last match, against Jammu & Kashmir.

His new-ball partner Vasuki Koushik recorded remarkable figures of three for five from 3.2 overs. Left-arm spinner J. Suchith claimed two wickets.

Easily done

The modest target was achieved in just 6.5 overs by Devdutt Padikkal (28 n.o., 5x4) and captain Mayank Agarwal (47 n.o., 21b, 5x4, 3x6).

Karnataka coach P.V. Shashikanth said that he was glad the openers finished the job with plenty of overs to spare.

"This is a group of death and run-rate could come into play for the qualification to the knock-out stage," he told *The Hindu*. "Though Arunachal's batting isn't strong, the way our bowlers bowled merits mention. All of them bowled well, and I am happy to see that Vidhwath has been bowling consistently in his first T20 tournament."

Meanwhile, Kerala slid to its second straight defeat, going down to Maharashtra by 40 runs. Chasing Maharashtra's 167 for four, Kerala could only manage 127 for eight.

Only opener Rohan S. Kunnummal (58, 44b, 7x4, 1x6) could make a meaningful contribution. Nobody else managed to reach 20. When left-arm spinner Satyajeet Bachhav dismissed captain Sanju Samson for three, Kerala slumped to 86 for five. Rohan also went in the same over; and it was virtually all over for Kerala.

In great touch

Earlier, opener Ruturaj Gaikwad scored his second century of the tournament. The skipper struck 114 off 68 balls (8x4, 7x6) and added 84 for the first wicket with Pavan Shah (31, 29b, 2x6).

TUESDAY'S MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY SCORES

Group A (Rajkot): Assam 134/5 in 20 overs (Riyan Parag 49 n.o., Rishav Das 35) lost to Railways 135/2 in 18.5 overs (Shivam Chaudhary 62, Pratham Singh 38).
Mizoram 94/6 in 20 overs (Kamal Tripathi 4/11) lost to Madhya Pradesh 98/4 in 12.1 overs (Shubham Sharma 31).
Mumbai 159/6 in 20 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 46, Sarfaraz Khan 37, Prithvi Shaw 32) bt Rajasthan 139/7 in 20 overs (Mahipal Lomror 46, Salman Khan 35).
Vidarbha 157/6 in 20 overs (Atharva Taide 36, Akshay Wadkar 35, Jitesh Sharma 34 n.o.) bt Uttarkhand 155/8 in 20 overs (Aditya Tare 46, Avneesh Sudha 43, Yash Thakur 4/22).
Group B (Jaipur): Goa 131/7 in 20 overs (Eknath Kerkar 31 n.o., Shivam Mavi 3/16) bt Uttar Pradesh 120/8 in 20 overs (Rinku Singh 38, Lakhsay Garg 4/16).
Manipur 40 in 14.1 overs (Mayank Markande 4/4) lost to Punjab 43/1 in 5.3 overs.
Delhi 196/6 in 20 overs (Yash Dhull 73, Himmat Singh 47, Ravi Teja 3/54) bt Hyderabad 150 in 19.1 overs (Rahul Buddhi 47, Navdeep Saini 4/17).
Tripura 159/6 in 20 overs (Bikramkumar Das 61, Sudip Chatterjee 46) bt Puducherry 136/8 in 20 overs (Vikneshwaran Marimuthu 34 n.o., Parvez Sultan 3/20)
Group C (Mohali): Jammu & Kashmir 134/6 in 20 overs (Abdul Samad 41 n.o.) lost to Haryana 138/6 in 19.4 overs (Dinesh Bana 43, Sumit Kumar 33 n.o.,Mujtaba Yousuf 3/28).
Arunachal Pradesh 72 in 19.2 overs (V. Koushik 3/5, Vidhwath Kaverappa 3/22) lost to Karnataka 76/0 in 6.5 overs (Mayank Agarwal 47 n.o.).
Maharashtra 167/4 in 20 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 114, Pavan Shah 31, Sijomon Joseph 3/18) bt Kerala 127/8 in 20 overs (Rohan Kunnummal 58, Satyajeet Bachhav 3/11).
Meghalaya 148/5 in 20 overs (Puneet Bisht 42, Swarajeet Das 38) lost to Services 151/5 in 19 overs (Vikas Hathwala 55, Anshul Gupta 44).
Group D (Indore): Nagaland 119/8 in 20 overs (Shrikant Mundhe 45) lost to Gujarat 122/1 in 9.5 overs (Saurav Chauhan 84 n.o.).
Bihar 181/2 in 20 overs (Babul Kumar 72, Bipin Saurabh 52, Sakibul Gani 33 n.o.) lost to Andhra Pradesh 186/8 in 19.4 overs (Karan Shinde 75, Ricky Bhui 37, Abhijeet Saket 3/31).
Himachal Pradesh 157/8 in 20 overs (Nikhil Gangta 54, Akash Vashist 37) bt Saurashtra 144/9 in 20 overs (Cheteshwar Pujara 57, Rishi Dhawan 3/25)
Group E (Lucknow):
Chandigarh 150/6 in 20 overs (Manan Vohra 52, Raj Bawa 30) lost to Chhattisgarh 156/2 in 18.2 overs (Amandeep Khare 73, Harpreet Singh Bhatia 60 n.o.).
Bengal 179/6 in 20 overs (Sudip Kumar Gharami 56, Shabhaz Ahmed 43, Agniv Pan 34 n.o.) bt Sikkim 95/8 in 20 overs.
Tamil Nadu 138 in 20 overs (Sai Sudharsan 47, Shabhaz Nadeem 4/12, Vikash Singh 3/22) bt Jharkhand 126/8 in 20 overs (Virat Singh 52 n.o., Pankaj Kumar 33, Sai Kishore 3/6).

Juniors' good showing swells India's tally

On top: The winning air rifle team of Tilottama Sen, Nancy and Ramita Jindal with coach Deepak Dubey. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SHOOTING

Sports Bureau

Indian juniors won three gold medals in air rifle and air pistol team events in the shooting World Championship in Cairo, Egypt, on Tuesday.

India was second on the medals table with eight gold, three silver and seven bronze medals behind China's 18 gold, 11 silver and 7 bronze.

The Indian teams were dominant in air rifle, winning both the junior men and women events, beating China 17-11 and 16-2 respectively.

The junior men's team of Sri Karthik Sabari Raj, Divyansh Singh Panwar and Vidit Jain led at every stage while Tilottama Sen, Nancy and Ramita Jindal were dominant right through in the women's event.

The junior women's team of Shikha Narwal, Esha Singh and Varsha Singh won the air pistol gold, beating China 16-6.

The results: Air rifle junior men's team: 1. India (Sri Karthik Sabari Raj, Divyansh Singh Panwar, Vidit Jain) 17 (626.8) 937.9; 2. China 11 (625.8) 937.4; 3. USA 17 (620.2) 933.1.
Air rifle junior women's team: 1. India (Tilottama Sen, Nancy, Ramita Jindal) 16 (627.6) 941.5; 2. China 2 (626.2) 939.8; 3. Finland 17 (624.9) 931.6.
Air pistol junior women's team: 1. India (Shikha Narwal, Esha Singh, Varsha Singh) 16 (576) 855; 2. China 6 (578) 855; 3. Korea 16 (569) 836.
Rapid fire pistol junior men's team: 1. China 17 (576) 880; 2. Korea 15 (570) 873; 3. India (Sameer Gulia, Udhayveer Sidhu, Adarsh Singh) 16 (562) 877; 4. Italy 2 (540) 850.

Gukesh, Arjun and Vidit in quarterfinals

CHESS

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

Arjun Erigaisi's final-round victory over Anish Giri helped Vidit Gujrathi snatch the last quarterfinal spot by beating David Anton in the $150,000 Aimchess Rapid online chess tournament on Monday.

After D. Gukesh and Arjun ensured quarterfinal-spots, Vidit finished a point ahead of Giri to finish eighth in the 16-player league.

Final standings (preliminaries): 1. Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Pol, 28/45), 2-4. D. Gukesh, Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze), Arjun Erigaisi (27 each); 5. Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 26); 6. Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb, 23), 7. Richard Rapport (Rom, 22), 8. Vidit Gujrathi (21).

9. Anish Giri (Ned, 20), 10. Vincent Keymer (Ger, 10), 11-12. David Anton (Esp), Daniel Naroditsky (US) (16 each), 13. P. Harikrishna (14), 14. Eric Hensen (Can, 13), 15. Aditya Mittal (12), 16. Nils Grandelius (Swe 10).

Quarterfinals line-up: Duda-Vidit; Arjun-Carlsen; Mamedyarov-Abdusattorov; Gukesh-Rapport.

Abhishek's three-point show sinks Chandigarh

INBL

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

Bengaluru Kings' Abhishek Gowda produced a series of three-pointers to guide his side to an 83-72 win over Chandigarh Warriors in the Indian National Basketball League on Tuesday.

Abhishek hit six threes in the second half as Bengaluru, level with Chandigarh 20-20 after the first quarter, broke away in the next two, gaining a five-point lead in each.

The results: Bengaluru Kings 83 (Abhishek Gowda 31, Arvind Arumugam 19, B.K. Anil Kumar 15) bt Chandigarh Warriors 72 (Gurbaz Singh Sandhu 23, Palpreet Singh Brar 20, Sahil 14).
Kochi Tigers 83 (Chacko C. Simon 18, Lalrina Renthlei 14, Sejin Mathew 12, Joshua Sunil Oommen 12) bt Delhi Dribblers 57 (Mahipal Singh 18, Piyush Meena 13).
Chennai Heat 100 (Baladhaneshwar 18, Anantharaj 18, Muin Bek Hafeez 14, S. Prasanna Venkatesh 12, Lokeshwaran 12) bt Mumbai Titans 73 (Vivek Goti 18, Sayyed Yousuf 12, Sameer Qureshi 12).

Binny inspires hopes of a return to decency and decorum

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Change is often accompanied by hope.

When Sourav Ganguly became president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, there was hope. Hope that a Test cricketer would set things right after the BCCI had been embroiled in court cases and conflict of interest issues.

Hope that someone outside of the board's political system would help drive the reforms laid down by the Supreme Court and the Lodha Commission.

Hope that domestic cricketers had someone in their corner.

In the end, none of this happened. Ganguly's main interest seemed to be Ganguly. He was entangled in conflict of interest himself – endorsing a fantasy cricket league that was a rival to one of the BCCI's official sponsors. He helped dilute the Lodha reforms along with the BCCI secretary, Jay Shah, son of India's Home Minister.

Was Ganguly used by the old order to get its way – the BCCI is now virtually unrecognisable from its pre-reform days – and then discarded? If sacked president N. Srinivasan continues to wield the sort of influence that kept Ganguly from contesting, then clearly nothing has changed. Like bowlers, administrators too have long memories. They can recall favours. (As an aside, you must feel a sneaky admiration for the man who just won't go away).

Altered job description

Before the elections, Shah had the foresight to get his job description altered. The Supreme Court, as part of its rollback, stated the secretary will have "all powers in relation to cricketing and non-cricketing matters" and the BCCI will work under his "direct supervision, control and direction". That is worth more than the runs scored or wickets taken by any player.

In this dispensation, the president doesn't really have lots of power. Still, Roger Binny's elevation is a reminder that sometimes nice guys do finish first. After bouts with egotism and personality cults in the BCCI, Binny's appointment raises hope of a return to decency and decorum.

His record as player, coach, selector, administrator is clean. He has been involved with the sport for close to half a century, and is both self-confident and self-effacing, a rare combination in Indian cricket.

He will be up against the usual political shenanigans in the BCCI, a governing body that deals in the billions of dollars. This attracts politicians, both major and minor who are only too aware of the influence and business opportunities that come with being associated with it. And the reflected glory that a winning performance by the national teams automatically bestows.

Money matters

There is the World T20 in Australia currently on. Next year come the World Test championship final and the 50-over World Cup, the last-named at home. The BCCI is expected to negotiate a tax deal with the government or lose over $58 million. Cricket and business come together at every turn. There is too the question of balancing red ball cricket with its white ball cousins.

What is good for cricket might not always be what is good for the bottom line, and as the only international player in the new set-up, Binny will have to take a call on this if a situation arises. Thanks to the enormous amounts of money the BCCI generates, it rules the world game, and other countries toe its line. Power flows from the signature at the bottom of a cheque.

The big story of the new BCCI, however, is not the easing out of Ganguly, but the takeover by a single political party. For decades, BCCI saw political parties sink their differences and pull in the same direction. Rivals worked together in the BCCI even when they were at loggerheads in Parliament! This now changes.

The BJP takeover (all posts were unopposed, showing the backroom power of the old elite) is complete.

Shah aside, the joint-secretary Devajit Saikia is an aide of the BJP Assam chief minister, the treasurer, Ashish Shelar is a BJP legislator from Maharashtra. The IPL Chairman Arun Dhumal is BJP minister Anurag Thakur's brother.

The odd man in is Congress' Rajeev Shukla, the man "who gets things done." He has always known which side his bread is buttered on.

The Binny-Shah combination is accompanied by hope too. But the bar seems to have been lowered recently.